



Health chiefs struggle to make borough leaner and fitter

OBESEITY BLAMED ON CAR CULTURE

Report By Alex Ross

PUBLIC health workers are facing a major challenge in Dudley as they try to improve the borough's health and their chief is blaming reliance on cars.

A profile shows the area is one of the unhealthiest in the country with only 47 per cent of adults described as physically active.

The borough also has a higher rate of obese children, at 23 per cent, and recorded diabetes, seven per cent, than the national averages.

"There is no magic bullet," said Deborah Harkins, director of public health in Dudley. "The first thing we try and do is making being active the norm. It is about changing attitudes."

Ms Harkins said part of the problem behind the lack of active people in the Black Country lay with a 'car culture'.

"You come here and you are shocked by the number of cars on the road. People aren't walking and cycling so much. That is why it is important to have an effective transport structure to encourage people to give up on their cars."

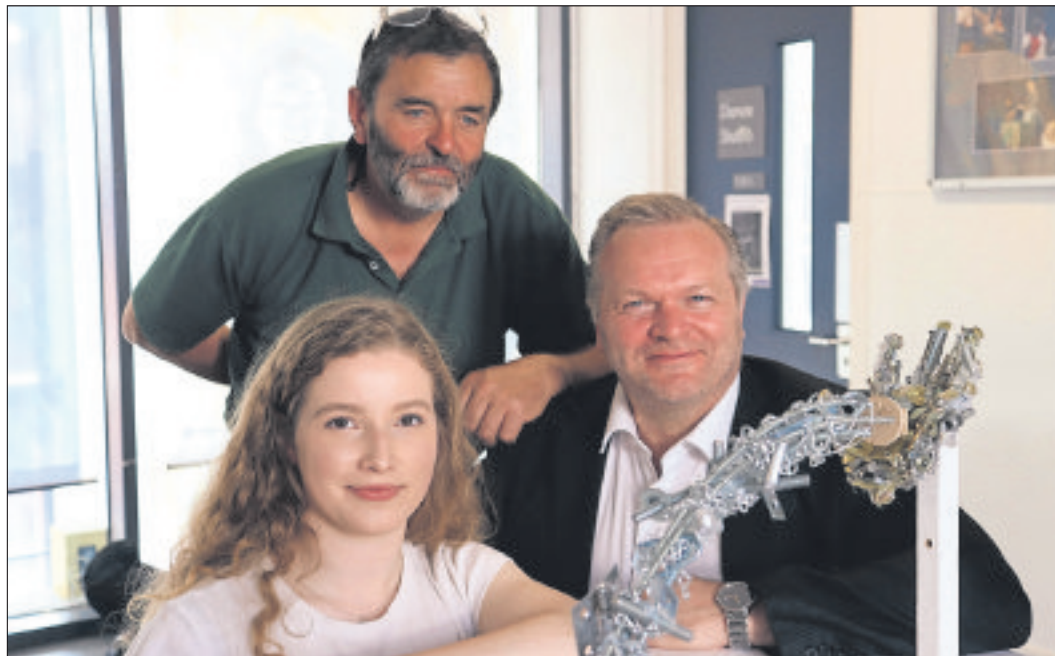
Weight

Last year the Let's Get Health Dudley project was launched, providing Health checks, weight management, healthy eating and alcohol advice. Dudley Council runs activities, including health hubs at Netherton Park, Mary Stevens Park in Stourbridge, Silver Jubilee Park, Coseley, and Huntingtree Park, Halesowen.

A third of Dudley's schools hold a 'daily mile' walk for pupils.

Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group said there were clear links between deprivation and poor health. It's major aims are to increase activity levels and to stop people smoking. It is also working with Leeds Beckett University to investigate the factors which lead to obesity.

STUDENT'S SUCCESS HINGES ON LANDMARK DESIGN



Florence Thompson shows her winning design to sculptor Phil Bayliss, centre, and Guy Perry, managing director A Perry & Co (Hinges) Ltd

A NEW landmark celebrating a long-established Black Country business is due to be created in Cradley Heath.

The sculpture designed by 18-year-old student Florence Thompson is a result of a partnership between Halesowen College and A Perry & Co (Hinges) Ltd, a leading manufacturer and supplier of hinges, hardware and ironmongery, which has been based in the area for 93 years.

The independent family-owned company in Doulton Road offered the opportunity of designing a representative sculpture of its business to second year students at the college, supporting their final diploma assignment.

The project was assigned to those students who prefer 3D work. After reviewing the submissions, A Perry chose the design by Florence, who will be awarded with an electronic tablet.

Her design captures A Perry's heritage and expertise as it represents the strong link between the history and future of the brand through two linked hands. Guy Perry, managing director, said, "A Perry takes its commitment to nurture and develop local talent very seriously."

The sculpture will be made by steel artist Phil Bayliss using A Perry's products including threaded bar, chain and hinges.

ELECTION

PM congratulates Tory council leader

THE local election in Dudley saw the Conservatives benefit from the collapse of the UKIP vote, gaining six seats to move level on 35 with Labour.

Prime Minister Theresa May congratulated Conservative group leader Patrick Harley during a visit to Sedgley hours after the polls closed.

Although the council remains with no party in overall control, Councillor Harley – whose party has run a minority administration for the past year – was confident he would receive the necessary support to remain in charge.

● Results – see page 8

COLLISION

Police investigate after driver injured

A MOTORIST has been left with serious injuries after an accident in Stourbridge on Monday, in which the other vehicle's occupants fled.

Officers are looking to trace the occupants of a blue Ford Mondeo Estate that was recovered from the scene in Norton Road, at the junction of Harringay Drive.

A man aged in his 60s has been taken to hospital in a serious condition.

SHOPPING

Giant Next store opening delayed

THE opening of a giant new Next store at intu Merry Hill has been put back until August.

The opening of the 75,680 sq ft shop on the site of the former Sainsbury's at the shopping centre had originally been planned for this spring. It is now expected that the store, one of Next's biggest in the UK, will open on August 21.

SPORT

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Dangerous driver left young son in car

A DANGEROUS driver with a fractured arm abandoned his one-year-old son and other passengers in his uninsured car after a high-speed pursuit.

Judge Dean Kershaw blasted as 'absolute nonsense' Kyle Watkins' claims that he fell into crime after an injury left him jobless. He branded his weeping in the dock as 'crocodile tears', saying: "There are hundreds of thousands of people of your age, in exactly the same position, who are not going out committing crime. You are not working, yet up to six times

a day you say you're smoking cannabis."

Watkins, aged 18, claimed he 'panicked' when officers tried to pull him over after suspecting he was driving an uninsured vehicle. But the Dudley father zoomed off, later leaving his son as he ran away.

Watkins was driving a Nissan Almera in Cradley Heath when police tried to pull him over on March 9. Prosecutor Mr Martin Liddiard said that in an attempt to get away Watkins drove on the wrong side of the road, mounted pavements, crashed

into another vehicle and drove at 60mph in 30mph zones.

He finally stopped but ran off, leaving his one-year-old son, ex-partner and another passenger in the car, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told on Friday.

Defence barrister Mr Simon Rippon said Watkins, who had been driving despite 'severely fracturing' his right arm, was remorseful. He explained that the father, of Gorsty Avenue, Brierley Hill, had been struggling to find work due to his injury..

The court heard Watkins also filled

up the car at a BP station in Halesowen without paying £25.01 on March 7.

Watkins admitted dangerous driving, driving without insurance, driving otherwise in accordance with a licence and making off without payment. He was handed an eight-month sentence, suspended for 18 months, a three-month curfew, 30-day rehabilitation activity requirement and a two-year driving ban.

Judge Kershaw said: "Your son was put at huge risk, as well as other passengers in that car."

Free parking cap proposed to stop rail commuters

UNLIMITED free parking at two Dudley Council car parks in Coseley could be scrapped to stop them being clogged up by rail commuters.

Bosses are looking at putting a two-hour cap on parking at the car parks after complaints about spaces being taken up by train users.

Dudley Council has proposed waiting is restricted at the Canal Street and School Street car parks in Roseville to stop people leaving vehicles when they use the nearby station in Gough Road.

Coseley East ward councillor Susan Ridney said: "There is a huge problem with parking in Roseville because people who use Coseley train station choose to park in these car parks. Businesses have complained about customers not being able to park. The railway car park is absolutely full at 7.30am. I have every sympathy with the people from the station looking to park but these car parks should be used for the businesses in Roseville. I can see that the businesses are suffering."

New limits could also be brought in at car parks in King William Street, Amblecote.

Public consultation closes on May 18. Visit dudley.gov.uk to have a say.

Teenage killer was part of a 'feral pack'

A TEENAGE tearaway assaulted one youth and robbed another three days before killing a father-of-two while burgling the man's home for the third time.

The youth, aged 17 from Rowley Regis, was locked up for ten years in January after being convicted by a jury at Wolverhampton Crown Court of the manslaughter of 41-year-old Simon Johnson during the early hours of August 11, 2016.

He and Damilola Johnson, aged 19 and no relation to Simon, were stealing cannabis plants from the address in Cradley Road, Netherton, when they woke the victim, who lived alone.

Simon Johnson was then stabbed to death by the older teenager who was convicted of murder and ordered to serve at least 21 years of a life sentence.

Now the 17-year-old, who cannot be identified because of his age, has admitted being part of a 'feral pack' who assaulted and robbed a string of youths during an evening of violence on August 8, three days before the fatal stabbing.

The group operated across Dudley said Mr Simon Phillips, prosecuting, adding: "They were very intimidating."

Phones

The first victim was targeted at the bus station at Merry Hill Shopping Centre after allegedly 'grassing' and was punched two or three times in the face by the 17-year-old before escaping. Less than two hours later the teen robbed a youth, one of four who had their mobile phones taken by members of the gang at a skateboard park in Old Wharf Road, Stourbridge.



Simon Johnson was killed by teenaged robbers

Mr Tony Navager, defending the 17-year-old, said: "He was a member of what was effectively a feral pack and is deeply ashamed of what happened."

Judge James Burbidge QC told the defendant, who was given six months detention for the robbery and a one-month consecutive term for the assault: "You were out of control."

Six other youths have now been convicted of involvement in robberies committed by the gang.



Murderer Damilola Johnson must serve 21 years

Danyal Hussain, 18, from Harcourt Road, Old Hill was found guilty of the four mobile phone robberies but a further charge that he robbed another young man in Haden Hill Park on August 19 was dismissed.

Yunus Mufahi, 20, from Winwood Road, Rowley Regis, was found not guilty of the four skateboard park robberies but was convicted of the August 19 robbery. Police admitted to failing to check his alibi.

A 17-year-old from Cradley Heath

was found guilty of the skateboard park robberies, as were a 16-year-old from Oldbury and two 15-year-olds from Cradley Heath and Quinton.

The three youngest were each acquitted of assaulting the bus station attack victim. They were each remanded for reports until July 6.

All bar the 17-year-old from Cradley Heath were granted bail and a 17-year-old from Smethwick was acquitted of all charges against him.

NHS cancer test fears were raised

TWO hospital trusts in the West Midlands raised concerns about breast cancer screening invitations last year but were told it was a local issue, it has been claimed.

Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt revealed last week that 450,000 women aged 68 to 71 had not been invited to their final routine screening, which may have led to up to 270 women having their lives cut short.

An independent review has been launched into the computer error, which Mr Hunt said was discovered in January and dates back to 2009. By March 2017 two breast cancer screening centres in the West Midlands had raised concerns that some women were not being invited for mammograms. The names of the centres have not been disclosed.

Family fun day as part of carers' week

A FAMILY fun day is being held in Dudley town centre as part of Volunteers and Carers Week.

Dudley Council for Voluntary Services is holding the annual event in the DY1 community building in Stafford Street from 11am to 2pm on Saturday, June 9.

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Arts festival visitors will not miss the royal nuptials

THE popular Quinton Methodist Church Art and Craft Festival returns later this month.

Held over the weekend from May 18 to 20, the event clashes with the royal wedding but those who want to watch the pageantry in London for Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's nuptials can stay in touch with events thanks to a screening at the church. There will also be alcohol-free fizz to toast the royal couple.

The art festival will feature around 250 paintings and drawings from local artists plus wood crafts, weaving, needlework, ceramics and handmade jewellery among more than 20 craft stalls. Gardeners will also be selling plants, window boxes, baskets and tubs.

Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris will officially open the event next Saturday, May 19, at 10.30am when Lightwoods School Choir perform and there will be bhanga music.

The event regularly attracts hundreds of visitors. It will be open on the Friday 11am to 5pm, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 2-4pm. Admission £1. Refreshments available.

The church also hosts an evening of choral music with Enchant, featuring singer-songwriter Paul Edwards, on Friday, May 18. Tickets £8 on the door (£4 children) or available by phoning 0121 421 6955.

Lennon theme for local actor's play

A NEW play which swept the board at a theatre festival is being performed in the writer's home town next week.

Imagine? written by Halesowen optician Mark Moran, of Mayhem theatre group, won best play, best original play and was overall winner at Worcestershire Theatre Festival. Mark himself won the best actor award and his fellow Mayhem member David Francis was also nominated.

The story tells the tale of Davey Kay, a music magazine journalist who is interviewing Stuart, who plays John Lennon in a Beatles tribute band called the Pre Fab4. Stuart is a painter and decorator from Cradley Heath but Davey seems to believe that he is the reincarnation of Lennon. As the interview progresses, events take a sinister turn.

After the play, and in keeping with the theme, the Halesowen Ukulele players will end the evening with a selection of Beatles songs.

Mayhem will be performing the play at Halesowen Athletics Club next Friday, May 18. Tickets are £5 from Spexmanix in Halesowen 0121 550 7977 or Halesowen Athletics club.



Winners Ellie, Yang and Karolina

Student designs on success

FIRST year graphics students at Halesowen College have been working with local company SkateHut to design and manufacture a new skate board.

Yang Hang was named the winner of the competition and will have her design made into a skateboard. Second place was Ellie Lees and third place went to Karolina Kostrzewska.

SkateHut will have the winning design manufactured so the talented winner Yang will see her idea become a reality.

The brief for the designs was to

make people aware of an issue that the students felt deeply about – plastic waste in the oceans, animal experimentation, equality and diversity.

BTEC course leader Gillian Dunkerley said "It was fantastic for the students to present their ideas to a real-world client.

Concepts

"Their concepts are great and show that young people have real concerns about the world they live in."

Amy Lou Holland, from SkateHut, added: "We love working with the

local community and the student's ideas were amazing. Many of them would work commercially as a real board."

SkateHut built a buzz around the competition by showcasing the ideas of 26 students on social media and inviting the public to comment.

The designs will be showcased at Halesowen College's end of year summer show. Student Yang Hang is aged 17 and from Kidderminster. Those interested in studying graphics at Halesowen College can visit the website at www.halesowen.ac.uk.

City 'favourite' to host Formula E street race

MOTOR racing is set to return to the streets of Birmingham next year.

The region's Mayor, Andy Street, has revealed he is in advanced stages of talks to bring electric car racing series Formula E to Birmingham for the 2019 season.

Formula E has not staged a race in Britain since the London ePrix dropped off the calendar in 2016, while the West Midlands has not hosted a race since the 1990 Superprix.

Mr Street, who pledged to bring racing back in his mayoral manifesto, said this week: "We are in the final stage of negotiations with Formula E to bring racing to the West Midlands. "Formula E is all about electric cars and one of the reasons we want to do this so much is that electric cars are going to play a critical part in the future of the West Midlands economy. It fits in with the big story. We want to showcase our region to the world, and this will enable us to join the series alongside Rome, Paris, Berlin, Zurich, New York, world leading cities who also have a race in the calendar.

"I am hoping we will seal the deal in the next few weeks. Negotiations have gone well and I am very confident."

Industry

The electric vehicle industry is centred in the West Midlands, with Coventry housing an £80 million national battery development facility and Kingswinford-based Westfield Sports Cars producing autonomous electric pods.

In March, Formula E founder Alejandro Agag revealed Birmingham was the number one choice to add its name to the schedule after Montreal announced it was pulling out.

He said: "We need to grow the following a lot more in the UK. We have got to have a race there. London is tricky. We don't have any kind of opening there so there is no chance of that happening at the moment. We are open to other cities and we are talking to Birmingham about doing something. Birmingham is firm favourite."

Formula E is the highest class of competition for electrically powered vehicles, with cars reaching speeds of up to 140mph – around 100mph slower than Formula One cars.

Appeal after couple 'flee' crash scene



Fire crews at the scene of the crash. Picture: Oldbury Fire Station/West Midlands Fire Service

POLICE are trying to track down a man and woman who allegedly fled from the scene of a crash in Rowley Regis on Bank Holiday Monday.

All three emergency services were called at 8.15pm on Monday after a car crashed into a bus at the junction between Rowley Vil-

lage and Bell End. A man and a woman are believed to have fled from the car following the incident.

A picture of the scene shows the scale of the damage to the red Honda Civic. The front driver's side wheel has been knocked out of place, the bumper badly dam-

aged and the passenger air bag has been activated.

Nobody at the scene was injured but the condition of the occupants of the car remains unknown.

West Midlands Police described it as a non-stop collision and urged anyone with information to contact police on 101.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mascot fun day brings in £20,000

A FUN day in honour of former Albion mascot Richard Eades raised more than £20,000 for his family and bereavement charity Edward's Trust.

Around 2,900 supporters attended to watch a mascots' event and then an Albion All Stars XI – managed by Baggies caretaker boss Darren Moore – take on Boing FC, the team Richard was heavily involved with before his sudden death aged 42 in December. James Morrison and Chris Brunt were also in attendance at Halesowen Town where Big Dave's team won 5-3.

Earlier in the day mascots from across the country took part in their own entertaining tribute to Richard.

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A review has been launched into the computer error, which Mr Hunt said was discovered in January and dates back to 2009. It is claimed that in March 2017 two screening centres in the West Midlands raised concerns. It has not been revealed which ones.

Baggies cup medal on sale at auction

A RARE piece of West Bromwich Albion memorabilia could sell for up to £9,000 in Surrey later this month.

Fans will be able to bid for a West Brom 15-carat gold FA Cup Winners Medal from 1931 at the auction on May 31. Auctioneers have set a guide price of between £6,000 and £9,000.

The all-West Midlands cup final between Albion and Birmingham saw Baggies beat their rivals 2-1. The medal is being sold for the great-nephew of Herbert 'Bert' Trentham, who played fullback. See www.ewbankauctions.co.uk website.

Group raises £5,000 for Alzheimer's charity

A BUSINESS has raised thousands of pounds for a dementia support and research charity.

Staff at the Black Country Housing Group teamed up with customers to raise £2,500 for the Alzheimer's Society through sports days, car washes, theatre trips and tea parties.

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4 Locum doctor paid £195 per hour at Russells Hall

A LOCUM doctor at Russells Hall Hospital was paid nearly £200 an hour, it has been revealed.

The doctor earned a staggering £195 an hour when he was brought in as cover for a week. It comes as it was revealed spending on locum doctors by NHS trusts in the West Midlands doubled in the space of four years.

Andrew McMenemy, director of workforce at the Dudley Group NHS Trust, which runs Russells Hall, conceded the rate of pay was 'extremely high' but stressed the decision would only be taken in 'exceptional circumstances'.

Figures showed reliance on agency staff at West Midlands hospitals had increased in recent years with rising demand and staffing issues partly to blame. Around £25m was spent hiring locum doctors by seven trusts in the region in 2012/13. It rose to £55m in 2016/17.

Mr McMenemy said the Dudley Group, which was recently criticised by watchdog the Care Quality Commission, had taken steps to improve its process for booking agency staff in a bid to keep costs to a minimum.

He said: "It would have been done in exceptional circumstances, maintaining patient care. That was only for one week and since that time we've improved our governance procedures within the hospital regarding the booking of doctors."

Business as usual after crash at historic pub

THE LANDLORD of Ma Pardoes pub in Netherton was woken by a loud bang and got up to find a gaping hole in the front of his pub with a car buried amongst the bricks.

But landlord Tim Newey said it would be 'business as usual' as he got ready to open the popular historic pub at noon as normal after his Friday morning shock.

West Midlands Ambulance Service confirmed that the BMW driver, a man in his 60s, had suffered a 'medical episode' at the wheel before the collision and had been taken to Russells Hall Hospital for treatment. The front passenger, a woman in her 50s, was treated for leg pain while an 11-year-old child who was also a passenger is believed to have escaped unharmed.

Mr Newey said he was in bed when he heard a loud bang at around 7am which sounded to him like someone was 'running beer down to the cellar'. He added: "I thought 'they've started early' but then the fire alarm went off and I got up and the pub was full of dust. Then the fire brigade turned up."

Ceiling

Mr Newey said he had 'no idea' of the cost of the damage yet but was concerned for the antique tiled ceiling, one of two of its kind in the world and a major reason for the pub's grade two listing.

The 58-year-old, who has run Ma Pardoes for 18 years, said: "The ceiling is made of vitreous enamel and was patented in 1863. There are only two like this in the country and I believe the other is in the tearooms of the Victoria & Albert Museum in London. It's very special."

The ceiling remained intact but Mr Newey is working with structural engineers to ensure it stays secure. It depicts a portrait of a swan in the central tile and the words 'The Olde Swan' which is the pub's official name.

Halesowen Road was closed to traffic for about six hours after the accident. The pub opened but customers were restricted to one room.



The scene at Ma Pardoes in Netherton shortly after a car crashed into the pub at around 7am on Friday



The BMW is towed away from the scene



Staff clear rubble and tidy up so the pub can open

NEWS IN BRIEF

Armed police react to shotgun report

ARMED police rushed to a street in Dudley after a man was reportedly spotted with a gun last week.

Officers were called to Flood Street where a man was said to have been chasing another man while brandishing a shotgun. But police officers checked CCTV footage and say that 'no such weapon' had been seen.

An appeal for information has now been launched about the incident, which took place on Wednesday, May 2.

Anyone with information is urged to call 101 quoting number 2401 02/5.

Homes proposed at chain works site

A FORMER chain works in Netherton will be bulldozed to make way for homes, under plans.

A total of 24 homes are proposed for the Bradney Chain and Engineering Works site on Quarry Road, which is going before Dudley Council planners.

An application has been lodged by Harker Homes. An initial application was approved two years ago with the developer now returning with a more detailed application. Councillor Bryan Cotterill said it was important the developer was mindful of the boundary with Saltwells Local Nature Reserve.

Three vehicle collision

MOTORISTS escaped either unharmed or with minor injuries after a three-vehicle crash in Kingswinford.

The incident happened on Saturday on the A449 Kidderminster Road, near to Summerhill School, at 11.30am.

The road was closed until the early afternoon. A police spokeswoman said: "The incident involved three vehicles and luckily only one (person) had minor injuries."

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Construction waste recycling plant proposed for factory site

A HUGE recycling depot could be built on the former Helix factory site in Lye under plans being considered by planning bosses this week.

The facility would be built at the old Helix stationery site in Engine Lane and could create around 50 jobs.

However, some letters of objection have been submitted to the plans for the plant, which would process 40,000 tons of waste a year. The site would be accessed from Bott Lane and would also see a weighbridge, a cabin, a bund screen, a wheel wash area, a car park and HGV parking. The site would open Monday to Friday 6.30am to 5pm, 7am to 1pm on Saturdays.

Free wall and loft insulation

RESIDENTS in Dudley are being encouraged to apply for a free cavity wall and loft insulation offer.

The insulation, which would usually cost around £775, is being offered for free to all homeowners and landlords, by energy supplier E.ON. It is also available to private tenants, who have their landlord's permission.

Nigel Dewbery, head of energy efficiency at E.ON, said: "Insulation not only keeps homes warmer during winter, but it also helps keep homes cooler during summer, reduces draughts and cuts the level of external noise entering a property."

"Our offer of free insulation has been open for around nine months and thousands of people have benefited as a result."

The offer is available until June 30. Call 0330 400 1083.

The planning application was due to be discussed at Dudley Council's development control committee this week, where it has been recommended for approval, subject to conditions.

Lye and Stourbridge North Councillor Peter Lowe said the plans had received a 'mixed' response from the community.

Regeneration

"I think the application has potential to be good for the area. It would certainly create more jobs but I have been trying to gauge the views of the community, which has been fairly mixed."

Four letters of objection to the application were received with concerns regarding the operating hours, light pollution, damage caused to roads by HGVs, noise and calling for the site to be used housing instead.

A report says: "The site would recycle around 40,000 tons per annum of aggregate material from construction and highways maintenance waste by crushing, screening and blending materials for use off site."

The Doc raises a glass to Duncan



Footballing legend Tommy Docherty at the launch of the Duncan Edwards Tribute Ale at Sadler's Brewhouse

HE raised the bar for football. And now Dudley hero Duncan Edwards has had an ale named in his honour.

Former Manchester United, Wolves and Villa manager Tommy Docherty visited a Lye brewery to attend the launch of the beer by Sadler's Ales.

More than 100 people were at the

event for the Duncan Edwards Tribute Ale, to be sold from October 1, Duncan's birthday.

Jim Cadman, of the Duncan Edwards tribute group, said: "It was great to see Tommy Docherty come down."

He played against Duncan for Scot-

land and said it was obvious Duncan was on a path to be the greatest player in the world."

An exhibition about the Dudley-born footballer, who played for England and Manchester United before the 1958 Munich air disaster cut his life short, was a big success at Dudley Archives.

Health chief in warning over measles

DUDLEY health chiefs are urging parents to ensure their children are vaccinated against measles following an outbreak of the disease.

More than 100 cases of measles have been confirmed across parts of the West Midlands.

While take-up of the vaccine is relatively high in Dudley, if parents have missed vaccinations they are being urged to book an appointment with their GP.

The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is given to a child at one year and a booster at three years, four months.

Deborah Harkins, director of public health in Dudley, warned: "Measles can be a very serious infection for children, which can spread very rapidly if they're not immunised."

She added: "While the uptake of the MMR vaccine in Dudley is relatively high, we must ensure local children receive the two vaccines before starting school to reduce the risk of an outbreak in Dudley, like we're seeing in other parts of the West Midlands."

"The MMR vaccine is a safe and effective way of protecting against measles, as well as mumps and rubella. The only way for parents to make sure their child is fully protected is to ensure they have received both doses of the vaccine."

Dudley borough in top 10 for pubs

DUDLEY borough has been rated in the top 10 areas of Britain for the most pubs per square mile.

Dudley was found to have an average eight pubs in each square mile – the tenth highest nationally. Research by Liberty Games put Portsmouth top with 12, followed by Liverpool with 11.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



New MOT may soon drive up the cost

IS your car due for an MOT soon? You might want to consider very carefully where you take it, following new changes to the test coming into force this month.

The EU Roadworthiness Package – didn't you just know it would come from the EU? – means that from May 20, it will be illegal to drive a car on the road if it has a fault deemed "dangerous" by the MOT inspector.

At face value, this might sound fair enough. After all, who would want to drive a "dangerous" car? And of course, driving an unroadworthy vehicle is an offence regardless of whether it has an MOT or not, so what is the problem?

The problem is who decides what is "dangerous" and what is not. And, of course, it is the inspector who has a vested interest in making sure the repairs are carried out at his garage.

The changes mean an end to booking the car in a month before the certificate expires, and shopping around for the best price for repairs if it fails. And, of course, getting a second opinion if you think the garage is trying it on.

OK, in theory you can arrange to have your car taken away on a trailer if you are not happy with the price given, but that costs a fortune too. And who has got the time to mess about with that?

In future, you had better hope the tester you take your car to is on the level. Because between them, the EU and our government have effectively given cowboy garages carte blanche to impound your car until you have coughed up what they consider a fair price for the repairs.

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MORE bleak news for the high street, as House of Fraser reveals it is planning store closures, with Beatties in Wolverhampton potentially at risk.

Is nothing safe? Who would have imagined 20 years ago that there could be a West Midlands without Beatties?

In truth, the chain has been in decline for years, the takeover by House of Fraser a disaster from day one. The decision to rebrand most of its stores, saying the Beatties name "lacked resonance" showed how little the new owners understood the shop or its customers.

The Wolverhampton shop is now the only one to retain this famous old name, and we must all hope that it is not affected.

Retail brands come, retail brands go. But Beatties is a piece of our heritage we can't allow to die.

Sajid Javid has never underplayed his father's old job



Sajid Javid – the new Home Secretary talks of his humble beginnings



Phil Bateman – warns us to lock car doors after some scally opened his rear door



Jurgen Klopp – declares he has this helping syndrome and really cares about people

Is he driving home a certain message?

A LITTLE test for journalists everywhere. Write a short piece about the new Home Secretary Sajid Javid and his humble beginnings without using the words "bus driver." Dammit, that's me out. There are, at the time of writing, no fewer than 26,400 Google results for the search "Sajid Javid" and "bus driver." Javid has never knowingly underplayed his father's old job. Yet back in the 1960s, when most folk considered themselves working class, a bus driver got a decent wage, steady work, union protection and a proper pension. There were many worse starts in life.

HERE'S a prediction for Javid's time at the Home Office. Expect to see the term "illegal immigration" dropped. The kindly "irregular immigration" is taking over. So that boatload of blokes slipping ashore and breaking every migration law in the process, are not really illegal, just a wee bit irregular.

SAINSBURY'S has recalled some of its own-brand cat food because it may contain too much vitamin D, which can be harmful to cats. One of the symptoms of excess vitamin D is lethargy. A reader asks: "How do you diagnose lethargy in a cat?"

IF the EU referendum, the greatest exercise in democracy in British history, had resulted in victory for Remain in 2016, I believe we Brexiters would have quietly thrown in the towel. We may have no desire to be part of the Great European Empire but, hey, that's democracy. But that was two years ago and since then we have seen a

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



sinister, anti-democratic gathering of dark forces hell-bent on wrecking the Brexit process. If they were to win at the final furlong and frustrate the wishes of 17.4 million Brits, can anyone see the anti-EU side gracefully accepting defeat?

TO be the loser in a fair vote is one thing. To be defeated after the vote by a cabal of the rich, powerful and self-important is beyond endurance. Have the plotters really thought it through? Those who are today gleefully hoping to overrule the Referendum may find themselves trying to govern a country which will not only be ungovernable but will become the rallying point for other dissenting EU nations. The EU-zealots don't seem to understand that the best hope of holding the EU together is to let Britain go. If not, dear Brussels, we will be the thorn in your side.

BEING born without a trace of the football gene, I tend to steer well clear of the subject. But my eye was caught by an interview in which the Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp declared: "I have this helping syndrome. I really care about people." Maybe this is normal in his native Germany but somehow I can't imagine an English manager coming out with that sort of self-analysis. It is rare to hear the Brits singing

their own praises which is why such incidents stick in the mind. I recall a lady some time ago who informed me: "As you know, Peter, I am a very spiritual person," and went on to tell me she'd just spent several thousand pounds buying a cherished number plate for her car.

THE more we learn, the more it seems the Windrush scandal was a failing not only of ministers and civil servants but of ordinary MPs. The only justification for having 650 hugely expensive MPs is that they are supposed to be the eyes and ears of Parliament, embedded in their constituencies and on the lookout for grassroots unhappiness and injustice. So where were they? The Windrush scandal was brewing for years. If only a few MPs had found out what was happening, discussed it with their colleagues and realised this was a national scandal brewing, who knows how much stress and loss might have been avoided? MPs are paid a basic £76,000. On this showing, how many were worth a penny?

WOLVERHAMPTON councillor Phil Bateman warns us to lock our car doors after some scally opened his rear door at traffic lights. This sounds like an attempted robbery, but you never know. Some years ago, driving through London at night and hopelessly lost in torrential rain, I pulled in to the kerb to consult the map. The door was yanked open and a huge, drenched Rastafarian was suddenly beside me in the passenger seat. He said: "Thank God you stopped for me, man. I'm soaking here." Apparently he'd been thumbing a lift. I drove him home.

TALKING POINT



Now it's time to rebuild our civic pride

SOMEONE once told me that if you walked around Wolverhampton with your eyes raised you realised what a beautiful city it was... and maybe can be again.

OK, beautiful may be pushing it a little but many city centre buildings which at street level have generic branded shop fittings are, when you look up, rather impressive.

Often these are Victorian edifices, reflecting a kind of civic pride that fell out of fashion in the rush to modernism that blighted the 1960s.

Old timers will tell you that Wolverhampton never really recovered from losing its shopping arcades, which remain an asset for London, Birmingham and Manchester.

The demolition of the city's old bus depot revealed the Roman Doric splendour of the Royal Hospital, the work of Wolverhampton architect Edward Banks, opened in 1846 as South Staffordshire General Hospital. Only a philistine would throw something up to block that view again.

It's a shame it has so far been beyond the wit of any developer to find a way to retain Wolverhampton and Midland Counties Eye Infirmary, which has stood in Chapel Ash since 1888.

The work of another Wolverhampton architect, Thomas Henry Fleeming, who also built the imposing Barclays Bank on Queen Square, there is probably no way back from the eye hospital dereliction that has rotted this landmark.

James Morgan's 1820s-built St George's Church suffered great indignity, having a ghastly Sainsbury's store grafted onto its late Georgian elegance. The conversion of a place of worship into a temple of consumerism then seemed an indictment of shallow times.

Times have changed. The convenience and cheapness of shopping on the internet means we now run the risk of seeing town centres filled with boarded-up stores punctuated by coffee shops, burger joints, bookmakers and charity shops.

What will Wolverhampton gain if the shiny new Debenhams store survives but it loses Beatties, the city's flagship department store. Its refined 1920s art deco style still adds a touch of class.

Many of these buildings have some sort of protection but they need to find a role for the 21st century. They must not be lost and they should never be hidden. We should be building with our past and not building over it or covering it up. Time to regain that civic pride.

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Police commissioner post pointless

I MAYBE be wrong but I was under the impression that police commissioners were imposed upon us to be the voice of the people, to hold the police to account, to deliver an effective and efficient police force.

Over the past few months I have noticed that the West Midlands Police Commissioner is saying things like 'my officers'. He wants to dish out drugs to addicts and in his latest move he tells officers to remove posters about the homeless. I believe the commissioner is acting outside of his remit.

We already have a chief constable

and he makes decisions about his officers. We have a Government who will take the decision about drugs and create any act of Parliament that may be required; regarding the post of a police commissioner – surely he has no power to order anyone.

The commissioner is a man from a political background and never held the office of constable. I strongly suggest he does the job he was employed to do and find out why the police are less efficient than they were, find out why all aspects of crime are rising and detections down. Deal with these prob-

lem. The British bobby used to be the best in the world, now they are in danger of becoming a laughing stock.

A commissioner's job is not required and a waste of tax-payers' money, to date I have yet to see or hear anything that the office of police commissioner has done that will have improved the lives of residents, I know it has cost me more in council tax to keep an unwanted post. If we cannot get rid of this post, then at least do something to improve the service and not try to run it.

PETE LOWE
Brierley Hill

Hands off our football grounds

MANCHESTER City's ground, now the Etihad Stadium, was built using public money for the Commonwealth Games.

The stadium being used by West Ham United (London Olympic stadium) was also built using public money.

Both of these venues were taken over by money rich football clubs.

American

Now we hear that Wembley Stadium, another publicly funded stadium is being sold to the money rich owner of a football club (Fulham), but the owner of that club wants to use it for American football.

Why do they not go and play in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, and leave our football grounds for our football?

PETER COLE
Kingswinford

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Molineux is more than South Bank

I HAVE been a Wolves supporter for over 60 years, and have seen some very good teams, but this team is the best team over all those many years. It was a shame that they did not share their day of glory with all sides of the ground. Why were all the players' celebrations solely on the South Bank?

On all other sides of the ground we were waiting, I felt so sorry for all the young supporters waiting for a close view of their team doing a lap of honour. Instead they just made their way down the tunnel.

With me being in my late 60s, I can tell you that the North Bank for many years was the home supporters' end, but all we saw were the backs of the players. We had just a few players come to applaud our support. Come on Wolves make all sides of the ground feel their support is valuable.

PHIL WIMLETT
Dudley

Being held captive by selfish parking

HOW long will the residents of Hall Grove, Langley Avenue, and others have to be captive in their streets because of selfish people going to the station for their trains and off to work – leaving their cars 7am until 6pm, double parking opposite other parkers, half on road and half on pavements, blocking recycling, delivery vehicles, milk men?

Any vehicle bigger than a transit van cannot manoeuvre safely through the gaps. This has gone on now for more than two years and we can do nothing about it, they ignore any warning notes that residents put on their cars. Dudley Council and the police blame each other and us residents suffer the nuisance every week day.

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8 Bill to walk away after UKIP defeat

Halesowen Chronicle Thursday, May 10, 2018

UKIP MEP Bill Etheridge said he plans to bow out of politics after his party was decimated in the local elections.

This year's polls saw a mass exodus of support from the anti-EU party, with every UKIP seat contested in the Black Country being lost. Mr Etheridge, who lost his seat in Sedgley by 1,438 votes, put the blame firmly at the door of Gerard Batten, who succeeded Henry Bolton as party leader in February.

"We've all been obliterated," he said, adding that Mr Batten 'cannot lead' and 'should be ashamed' of the lack of support given to local council candidates.

He said he sees "no future" for the party and plans to quit politics completely after his terms as an MEP.



MEP Bill

Tory takes seat at 18

AN 18-year-old who unseated a Labour stalwart in his first election has vowed to stand up for young people.

Jake Cooper took the Belle Vale seat on Dudley Council from Labour's former cabinet member Ian Cooper with a majority of 135.

He said: "It is amazing to be able to stand up for younger people."

Ian Cooper won the seat from the Conservatives in 2014, with a majority of 123 over UKIP.



Jake Cooper

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What happened: The Conservatives gained six seats (five of them from UKIP)

Political make-up: No overall control (Cons – 35; Lab – 35; Indep – 1; UKIP – 1)

Turnout: 30.33 per cent

Amblecote (Cons hold)
Paul Bradley (Cons)* – 1,562
Barbara Deeley (UKIP) – 215
Peter Drake (Lab) – 895
Ian Flynn (Lib Dem) – 161

Belle Vale (Cons gain)
Ian Cooper (Lab)* – 1,534
Jake Cooper (Cons) – 1,669
Bill McCormish (Green) – 156

Brierley Hill (Lab hold)
Phil Atkins (Cons) – 834
John Dyer (Democrats and Veterans) – 65
Gordon Elcock (Green) – 132
Zaraf Islam (Lab)* – 1,078
Terry Thorn (UKIP) – 218

Brockmoor and Pensnett (Lab hold)
Clare Bramall (Lib Dem) – 53
Rich Colley (UKIP) – 175
Judy Foster (Lab)* – 987
Sue Greenaway (Cons) – 940

Castle and Priory (Lab hold)
Martin Day (UKIP) – 250
Alan Finch (Lab)* – 1,654
Ryan Priest (Lib Dem) – 51
Richard Tasker (Cons) – 831

Coseley East (Lab gain)
Josef Baker (Cons) – 894
Bec Gentle (Lab) – 1,150
Karen Jones (UKIP) – 249
Catherine Maguire (Green) – 63

Cradley and Wollescote (Lab hold)
Pam Archer (Green) – 148
Mitchell Bolton (UKIP) – 487
Tim Crumpton (Lab)* – 1,425
Kamran Razaq (Cons) – 704

Gornal (Cons gain)
Mitch Barlow (Cons) – 66
Dave Branwood (Lab) – 1,047
Bryn Challoner (Cons) – 1,942
Roger Scott-Dow (UKIP)* – 270



Patrick Harley was in celebratory mood

Halesowen North (Cons gain)
Lois Bramall (Lib Dem) – 95
Stuart Henley (UKIP)* – 582
Joe Roberts (Cons) – 1,550
Parmjit Sahota (Lab) – 1,375

Halesowen South (Cons hold)
Ray Burston (Cons) – 2,321
Derek Campbell (Lib Dem) – 238
James Walker (Lab) – 945

Hayley Green & Cradley South (Cons hold)
Andrea Goddard (Cons)* – 1,843
Delesh Patel (UKIP) – 122
John Payne (Green) – 174
Donella Russell (Lab) – 875

Kingswinford North and Wall Heath (Cons hold)
Jonathan Bramall (Lib Dem) – 197
Damian Corfield (Lab) – 952
Edward Lawrence (Cons)* – 2,460



UKIP's Bill Etheridge lost his Sedgley seat

Kingswinford South (Cons hold)
Taryn Bradley (Green) – 187
Jay Griffiths (Lab) – 922
Patrick Harley (Cons)* – 2,216

Lye and Stourbridge North (Lab hold)
Naz Ahmed (Green) – 136
Euan Dunn (UKIP) – 229
Pete Lowe (Lab)* – 1,589
Thomas Ruff (Cons) – 985

Netherton, Woodside and St Andrew's (Lab hold)
Martin Berrington (Cons) – 703
Dean Horton (UKIP) – 246
Elaine Taylor (Lab)* – 1,376
Alex Wright (Green) – 181

Norton (Cons hold)
Christopher Bramall (Lib Dem) – 400
Colin Elcock (Cons)* – 2,278
Monika Narad (Lab) – 865
David Powell (UKIP) – 145

Pedmore and Stourbridge East (Cons hold)
Jon Dean (Lab) – 897
Simon Hanson (Lib Dem) – 258
Angus Lees (Cons)* – 2,269
Glen Wilson (UKIP) – 167

Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood (Lab hold)
Chris Barnett (Lab)* – 1,053
Chris Blake (Cons) – 957
Lee Taylor (Lib Dem) – 54
Angela Walker (UKIP) – 277

Sedgley (Cons gain)
Bill Etheridge (UKIP)* – 498
Mushtaq Hussain (Lab) – 742
Shaun Keasey (Cons) – 1,936
Elaine Sheppard (Lib Dem) – 110

St James's (Lab hold)
Khurshid Ahmed (Lab)* – 1,265
Malcolm Davis (Cons) – 990
Mick Forsyth (UKIP) – 244
Benjamin France (Lib Dem) – 90

St Thomas's (Lab hold)
Jonathan Elliott (Cons) – 630
Francis Sheppard (Green) – 91
Steve Waltho (Lab)* – 1,121
Phil Willemtt (UKIP) – 215

Upper Gornal and Woodsetton (Cons gain)
Lynette Corfield (Lab) – 1,148
Chris Neale (Cons) – 1,180
Dean Perks (UKIP)* – 431
Kelly Richards (Green) – 79

Wollaston & Stourbridge Town (Cons hold)
Nicholas Barlow (Cons)* – 1,914
Harriet Foster (Lab) – 1,771
Andi Mohr (Green) – 268

Wordsley (Cons gain)
Kevin Billingham (Lab) – 947
Paul Brothwood (UKIP)* – 679
Donna Harley (Cons) – 1,463
David Sheppard (Lib Dem) – 102

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What happened: Labour strengthened its already water-tight grip, gaining four seats.

Political make-up: Labour control (Lab – 70; Indep – 2)

Turnout: 27.5 per cent

Abbey (Lab hold)

Michael Allen (Green) – 391
Richard Kemp (Cons) – 411
Bob Piper (Lab)* – 2,223
Blackheath (Lab hold)
Bob Dunn (Cons) – 984
Danny Millard (Lab)* – 1,079
Aldo Mussi (Green) – 100

Bristnall (Lab hold)

Shirley Ching (Cons) – 696
John Macefield (Green) – 341
Rajbir Singh (Lab) – 1,342

Charlemont and Grove Vale (Lab hold)

Sam Harding (For Britain) – 135
Graham Nock (UKIP) – 115
Sue Phillips (Lab)* – 1,335
Lee Williams (Cons) – 1,027

Cradley Heath and Old Hill (Lab hold)

Paul Connor (Green) – 1,394
Robert Johns (Lib Dem)
Balhar Singh (Cons)
Julie Webb (Lab)*

Friar Park (Lab hold)

Simon Hackett (Lab)* – 1,445
Keith Lawley (Cons) – 351
Colin Rankine (Yeshua) – 74

Great Barr with Yew Tree (Lab hold)

David Fisher (Indep) – 244
Darryl Magher (For Britain) – 258
Steve Melia (Lab)* – 1,700
Suki Nandra (Cons) – 641
Daniela Waugh Hroncova – 73

Great Bridge (Lab hold)

Stuart Bate (Cons) – 586
Joanne Hadley (Lab)* – 1,229



It was a good night for Sandwell Council leader Steve Eling, of 26 seats up for election all were held by Labour, taking the party to 70 seats. The only opposition is from two independents.

Greets Green and Lyng

(two seats – Lab gain; Lab hold)

Elizabeth Brown (Cons) – 500
Frederic Lacroix (Green) – 149
Iqbal Padda (Lab) – 1,951
Jackie Taylor (Lab)* – 1,673
Judith Willetts (Cons) – 336

Hateley Heath (Lab hold)

Paul Kearns (Cons) – 506
Paul Moore (Lab)* – 1,932

Langley (Lab hold)

Bill Gavan (Lab)* – 1,394
Stephen Gilbert (Cons) – 570
Robert Taberner (Green) – 161

Newton (Lab hold)

Keith Allcock (Lab)* – 1,581
Steve Latham (For Britain) – 256
Robert Willetts (Cons) – 667

Old Warley (Lab hold)

Bryan Manley-Green (Lib Dem) – 183
John McHard (Cons) – 810
Steve Trow (Lab)* – 1,521

Oldbury (Lab hold)

Mushtaq Hussain (Lab)* – 1,908
Keith Vaughan (Cons) – 662
Jody Waugh (Green) – 224

Princes End (Lab gain)

Jenny Chidley (Lab) – 733

James Marsh (Indep) – 267
Steve Simcox (Cons) – 503

Rowley (Lab hold)

Susan O'Dell (Green) – 163
Satpal Singh (Cons) – 663
Chris Tranter (Lab)* – 1,193

Smethwick (Lab hold)

Wasim Ali (Lab)* – 2,095
Stephanie Buckman (Green) – 271
Colin Clark (Cons) – 562

Soho and Victoria (Lab hold)

Robert Buckman (Green) – 241
Daniel Mathias (Cons) – 352
Mohammad Rouf (Lab)* – 2,889

St Paul's (two seats – Lab hold; Lab gain)

Samiya Akhter (Lab) – 2,682
Babu Bawa (Lab)* – 2,580
Narinder Garcha (Cons) – 526
Sakhawat Hussain (Cons) – 550
Fabienne Ottridge (Green) – 166

Tipton Green (Lab hold)

Donald Griffiths (Cons) – 867
Yaseen Hussain (Lab)* – 1,858

Tivdale (Lab hold)

Sandra Hevican (Lab)* – 1,137
John Stockall (Cons) – 637
Keir Williams (Green) – 226

Wednesbury North (Lab hold)

Scott Chapman (Cons) – 657
Luke Giles (Lab)* – 1,372
Mark Redding (Green) – 120

Wednesbury South (Lab hold)

Bob Lloyd (Lab)* – 1,566
Michael Middleton (Cons) – 807

West Bromwich Central (Lab hold)

Ryan Ottridge (Green) – 176
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Holocaust survivor tells school of guilt over living when relatives died

A HOLOCAUST survivor visited a Rowley Regis school to share his story of the Second World War genocide which saw Adolf Hitler's Nazi Germany murder some six million Jews.

Students from St Michael's Church of England High were able to meet and speak with Uri Winterstein when he talked about his family's experiences.

Mr Winterstein, born in October 1943, had nine family members murdered by the Nazis – although his immediate family, his father, mother and older sister survived. His father was a member of an underground movement which saved

lives by bribing SS officers to stop deportations of Jews from Slovakia between 1942 and 1944.

Mr Winterstein was a 'hidden child' given to a non-Jewish family aged one month old when his parents realised they may need to go into hiding. When that other family decided to flee, he was given into the care of a peasant woman. In 1944, Uri's father was deported to Theresienstadt concentration camp. His mother and sister went into hiding. However, they were caught and sent to Theresienstadt. All three survived the Holocaust and Uri was reunited with his family.

The 74-year-old said: "We survived out

of pure luck. I can't describe it as anything else. My family had a lot of close calls."

Nine members of his extended family died as a result of the persecution, from his great-grandmother aged 91 to his 15-year-old cousin.

"When I was a teenager I went through survivor's guilt. Why did they die and I survived? There is no answer to that question."

Rachel Banno, who organised the visit to the school with the Holocaust Educational Trust, added: "I think it was a learning curve for the children here. We can't think or imagine what those people went through during the Holocaust."



Uri Winterstein shows Chloe O'Sullivan and Alexander Woolley the Star of David the Nazis made Jews wear

Alex is a singer in a class of his own



Alex Ohm has reached the final of a national contest

PRIMARY school teacher Alex Ohm spends his days helping children with their reading, writing, and maths. But his secret singing talent has seen him soar to the final of a national contest, which could see him perform at festivals across the country.

The 30-year-old supply teacher from Upper Gornal beat thousands of other contestants to make it into the coveted top 10 of an online music competition. He now needs the public's help to reach the next level.

Singer-songwriter Alex, who worked at Olive Hill Primary School in Halesowen before becoming a supply teacher, was picked from 2,000 hopefuls to make it to the final of online contest Pirate Prodigy after uploading an mp3 of one of his songs. Three winners will be offered one-to-one mentoring and masterclasses from music industry experts to help them launch their career in the music world. They will also get studio time and video production.

Alex, who lives with 25-year-old partner Grace, said it would be 'incredible' to make it to the top three. Visit piratstudios.co.uk/prodigy/#container--vote to listen and vote.

Summat Ta Ate focus on healthy lifestyles

A FREE project for people looking to improve their diet and wellbeing has launched in Netherton.

Summat Ta Ate will run for 12 weekly sessions on Thursdays between 10.30am and noon at Netherton Park Activity Centre.

Vicki Smith and Fran Wilde, of Walk Works CIC, were awarded community lottery funding for the project, supported by the Netherton Regeneration Group.

Ms Smith said: "This is not a course. It is a way of sharing what we already know about food, including Black Country fiddle, with a bit of expert input. We have a nutritionist cooking with us, making simple but really tasty food. Local gardener Janet Armstrong will be sharing tips on , easy-to-grow veg and herbs too."

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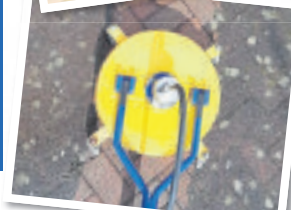
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Les Mis coup leads new Hippo season



One of the dramatic scenes from Les Misérables



Cameron Mackintosh's production is back in Brum

A SENSATIONAL spring season awaits theatre lovers at the Birmingham Hippodrome – the only catch is having to wait until early next year to enjoy the top shows.

The city's theatre has released full details of which performances are set to be released in spring 2019, with the exciting first tour of Kinky Boots, Gary Barlow and Tim Firth's award-winning Calendar Girls, and Matthew Bourne's staging of the classic Swan Lake only a small slice of the line up.

But the most hotly-anticipated performance can only be the return of Cameron Mackintosh's breath-taking Les Misérables, which is set to stun West Midlands theatre-goers in June 2019.

Worldwide

It's been nearly a decade since the last sell-out UK tour of the Broadway production.

The famous musical features songs I Dreamed a Dream, On My Own, Bring Him Home, One Day More, Master Of The House and many more and has been seen by more than 120 million people worldwide.

Tickets go on sale to the general public on Thursday, June 21, at 11am, and Hippodrome bosses urge fans to be quick and snap



Tim Firth and Gary Barlow's Calendar Girls

them up at their earliest opportunity. But even if tickets do sell out, there are plenty of other shows for theatre fans – including award-winning stage play The Full Monty and Taj Express featuring songs from hit film Slumdog Millionaire.

Fiona Allan, artistic director and chief executive of Birmingham Hippodrome, said the new announcements followed an already incredible year for the theatre.

She said: "Either side of our summer blockbuster Matilda are some musicals never before seen

at the Hippodrome. The première season of An Officer and a Gentleman will take you back to the 80s, whilst the award-winning Titanic The Musical, on its first regional voyage in the UK, tells the famous story from the perspective of real travellers.

"Taj Express is Bollywood at its best – crazy, colourful and high energy, featuring songs of Slumdog Millionaire's AR Rahman.

"I didn't realise I knew so many until I saw this show in London last year. Meanwhile, our Patrick Studio



The cast of Kinky Boots, seen in their amazing colourful garb

programme continues to expand, and offers everyone a chance to try something different.

"Our increased investment in smaller-scale dance and movement, theatre, family-friendly shows and more means the Patrick Studio is rapidly becoming the space to experience edgy and alternative live performance.

"And, of course, all of the support we receive – from ticket sales, donations and memberships to room hire and ice-cream sales – helps to fund the work of Hippo-

drome Projects. This includes all of our own curated and commissioned programme of indoor and outdoor performance, community work and transformational learning projects, helping to ensure that we can continue to bring even more unforgettable live experiences to audiences across the West Midlands and beyond."

While tickets for Les Misérables go on sale next month, tickets for all other spring 2019 shows can be bought now. Visit birminghamhippodrome.com for full details.

West Midlands rockers release new albums

Peace – Kindness Is The New Rock And Roll

THERE is something very Peace about the reaction of Birmingham's favourite adopted sons to times of uncertainty in the era of Trump, Brexit and continued austerity. Basically, it's two fingers to the lot of them and let's celebrate life.

The blueprint is set right from the opening with their joyful anthem of positivity, Power. 'Kindness is a sign we've evolved' Harry Koisser sings on the McCartney-ish title track, 'I'm strong inside, I'm Silverlined' he adds on Silverlined with its delicious psychedelic guitar break.

Meanwhile, You Don't Walk Away From Love has a Jagger-Richards' like swagger with a guitar flourish to match.

It's not all plain sailing though, the swearsy From Under Liquid Glass looks at the debilitating effects of depression with its fear that 'everybody's changing, blooming, moving on', everybody else that is. The cherished inspiration of Angel seems under threat, maybe from the 'Devil' mentioned in the stomping Shotgun Hallelujah.

Just A Ride is an acoustic guitar-driven anthem in a Noel Gallagher vein and closer Choose Love is a stoned plea for peace, love and understanding which, once upon a time, would have seen lighters raised aloft at gigs.

The Worcestershire indie rockers (they hail from Droitwich Spa) draw on classic rock, from The Beatles and Rolling Stones to Primal Scream and Oasis, for their third album. There is also a hint of Black Country band The Wonder Stuff, right down to frontman Koisser's vocal style and Miles Hunt-like knack for a barbed lyric.

Peace have already sold out their 'homecoming' gig at Birmingham O2 Academy on May 24.



Kick out the jimjams... Droitwich band Peace are wearing the latest in evening wear



Classic rock and radio friendly too – Walsall's Stone Broken

Stone Broken – Ain't Always Easy IF you're ready to rock you're ready for Walsall's Stone Broken. The quartet's post-grunge melodic metal fully realises its potential on their second studio album, released May 15.

Opening strongly with Worth Fighting For, this class act could even escape the genre ghetto with such radio friendly tracks as I Believe and The

Only Thing I Need, both positive and hopeful songs in the notoriously dark world of hard rock. But they don't dodge issues, Heartbeat Away is about bullying and domestic violence. Big ballads Home and Anyone also show what a fine singer lyricist and frontman Rich Moss has become. Stone Broken have sold out their Birmingham O2 Institute 2 gig on May 19. LB

Champion night as Noel still flying high

NOW that's the way to do an arena show – Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds soared at the Arena Birmingham with a near two-hour set that left the fans happy, even those mainly there for the Oasis songs.

The 50-year-old is known for his sarky Mancunian wit and his first utterance was to ask the Brummies how their 's****y football team' was getting on.

I guess Villa and Blues fans each thought he meant the other. But you do get bragging rights when your team win the Premiership and the Manchester City flag was draped over part of the stage.

Barbed

And the former Oasis man was in champion form, his powerhouse 10-piece band launching the gig with wall-of-sound rockers Fort Knox and Holy Mountain from his third and latest High Flying Birds album Who Built The Moon?

His banter is barbed but his band were on top form, augmented by female singers and a brass section.

The show was enhanced by spectacular lights and psychedelic big screen effects.

The 22-song set included Oasis favourites Little By Little, The Importance of Being Idle, Half The World Away, Wonderwall and, saved for the encore, Go Let It Out and Don't Look Back In Anger.

LEÓN BURAKOWSKI



Giving their all – from left, Sario Solomon, Nick Carsberg, Curtis T Johns, Yazdan Qafouri and AJ Bentley in The Band. Picture: Matt Crockett

Rollercoaster ride that certainly relit my fire

The Band, Birmingham Hippodrome THE Band is made for anyone who grew up loving a boy band, and illustrates how songs can be the soundtrack to a person's life.

But it is also a musical which takes the audience on a rollercoaster of emotions: laughter, loss, friendship, sadness and most importantly, growing up.

At the Birmingham Hippodrome for the opening night of the fastest-selling musical theatre tour of all time I wasn't expecting the story, which runs alongside some of the songs from my childhood, to captivate me as much as it did.

By award-winning writer Tim Firth, The Band stars the winners from the BBC's Let it Shine, Five to Five, and features the songs of Britain's most successful boy band, Take That.

Yet it is a musical which isn't about Take That, though the group are featured everywhere. The band isn't mentioned by name, but their catalogue of songs from back in

REVIEWS

1991 up until 2017 is the soundtrack to the lives of the girls the story follows.

For five 16-year-old girls in 1992, the band is their everything. Rachel, Debbie, Heather, Claire and Zoe get the chance to see their idols live in concert one night, before a tragic event sets up the second act.

Twenty-five years on, the girls are reunited after winning a competition to see the pop giants. The 40-something five head off an adventure as they try once more to fulfil their dream of meeting their heroes.

For every situation or event in the girl's lives, there is a Take That song to fit.

Take That fans will be sure to have the Greatest Day of their lives. It runs at Birmingham Hippodrome until Saturday.

DAYNA FARRINGTON

Play tribute to Baggies Jeff ready for kick-off



At the Astle Gates, from left, Tony Brown, playwright Mike Howl, Ally Robertson and Dennis Clarke

THREE former West Bromwich Albion stars have reunited ahead of a play based on the life of Jeff Astle.

Tony Brown, Ally Robertson and Dennis Clarke met up at the Hawthorns last week to discuss their memories of the former Baggies number nine.

The trio were interviewed by Mike Howl, a professional playwright and director who is putting together The

Jeff Astle Story, which he describes as "a tribute to Jeff, his life and his career."

The play will be performed at Birmingham's Crescent Theatre in Brindleyplace from May 24 to 27.

Mike said: "Some of their stories are very, very funny. I was there 50 years ago when Jeff scored in the FA Cup final and making the play is bringing all the memories back."

The much-loved forward scored 174 goals in 361 games for the club – including the winning goal at Wembley

against Everton. All proceeds from the production will go to the Jeff Astle Foundation, set up by his daughter Dawn to help people with head injuries resulting from playing sport.

Mike said: "We've got just under three weeks to go and the rehearsals have gone well. The actors feel privileged, it's very special for them. I was there 50 years ago when Jeff scored in the FA Cup final."

"If someone had said to me then that I would be writing a play on him then I wouldn't have believed them."

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14 Every little helps for Scorpions

Halesowen Chronicle Thursday, May 10, 2018

AN under-eights football team is bidding to bag a cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative.

The Sedgley Scorpions Under-8s West team have made the shortlist for Tesco's initiative and hope to be able to buy extra equipment and visit Butlins next year for a national tournament.

Shoppers can head into stores at Dudley, Gornal, Kingswinford and Pensnett to vote for shortlisted community groups, with first place receiving £4,000.

Chris Sandland, manager of Sedgley Scorpions, said: "I am trying my best to push for first place as this will allow us to expand and keep going for a number of years."

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community fundraising scheme, which sees grants raised from the 5p bag levy awarded to community projects.

Bus station robber's prison sentence reduced on appeal

A ROBBER who was jailed after targeting an autistic woman at a bus station has seen his sentence slashed by senior judges at the Court of Appeal.

Lee David MacDivitt, aged 29, snatched a handbag from the 21-year-old woman as she waited with a friend late at night at Dudley bus station, in Fisher Street, in March last year.

When caught by police MacDivitt admitted committing the robbery in order to get money to

fund his Class A drug addiction. He was jailed for four years and eight months at Wolverhampton Crown Court in January.

But last week three senior judges at London's Court of Appeal cut his sentence to four years.

The court heard MacDivitt, of no fixed abode, had been jailed for six years in 2008 for a series of robberies. But he had returned to crime from 2016.

Sentencing him in January, the crown court judge said the vulnerability of the victim and MacDivitt's criminal past were serious aggravating features.

But his lawyers argued at the Court of Appeal

that the judge had gone too far in increasing the sentence MacDivitt was given to reflect his previous convictions.

Passing down judgement on his appeal, Mr Justice Edis said the judge had placed too much emphasis on MacDivitt's past in sentencing higher than the recommended range for street robberies.

He said: "The most recent relevant convictions were, at this stage, old and the present case was one in which no serious injury was done. On the facts of this case, it was unfair to go above the appropriate range. We allow this appeal."

Sleep-out £6k helps homeless

FUNDRAISERS slept out for the night at a shopping centre in Dudley to raise money to help support the homeless.

More than 30 people took part to help raise £6,159 for YMCA Black Country Group at the fundraising event.

Participants paid an entry fee of £10 and slept on DIY cardboard beds at intu Merry Hill. It was part of a national YMCA Sleep Easy campaign that saw YMCA groups across the country come together during March to promote their work with young people.

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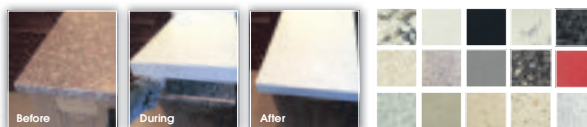
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Pasha Kovalev and his dance partner Anya Garnis

STRICTLY Come Dancing professional Pasha Kovalev and his dance partner Anya Garnis bring 'The Magic of Hollywood' to the Black Country next weekend.

The Russian dancer joined the pro dancers in the Strictly stable in 2011 and went on to win the BBC TV show's glitterball with celebrity partner Caroline Flack.

During his years with the show Pasha has partnered Chelsee Healey, Kimberley Walsh, Naga Munchetty, Carol Kirkwood and Chizzy Akudolu. His other partner, Countdown's Rachel Riley, went on to become his partner in real life in 2014.

Pasha and Anya have danced together since they were both children in Russia, before moving to the United States and turning professional.

School

His new Hollywood show will be staged next Saturday (May 19) at Dudley Town Hall and at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on Sunday (May 20).

Pasha and Anya will be joined by a team of professional dancers and local amateurs. The Dudley show will feature dancers from The Fusion Dance Factory and the Wolverhampton date features the Linzi G School of Dance.

See boroughhalls.co.uk or call 01384 812812 for the Dudley show; grandtheatre.co.uk or call the box office on 01902 429212 for Wolverhampton.

Get car market back on track, says MP

"GET the car market back on track," demanded a Black Country MP who condemned the Government's 'ill-thought-out and ill-prepared war on diesel'.

Labour MP for Warley John Spellar said in Parliament last week that the UK car market had been 'badly hit' by the war on diesel. He added that Euro6 diesel engines were a huge improvement, with many built in the UK. Speaking in Parliament, Mr Spellar said: "I am urging the Government to get their policy and the car market back on track."

In response, Conservative Richard Harrington said the Government were backing the evolution of engines and talking to manufacturers about the production of pollution-free cars by 2040.

Nasal spray trial aims to help with bulimia

HEALTH bosses have asked women with bulimia to take part in research to put new treatment to the test.

The Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust is looking for women aged 18 to 60 who have been diagnosed with bulimia nervosa for the study. It will see people trial a nasal spray to see if it can lessen the symptoms of the illness.

Participants will be required to take the nasal spray, which contains naloxone hydrochloride, for eight weeks and visit the research team at Dorothy Pattison Hospital in Walsall four times throughout the trial.

The trust said eating disorders are a mental illness and can occur when people use food to help deal with painful situations or feelings.

Anyone can develop an eating disorder, regardless of age or background, although the people most likely to be affected tend to be young women between the ages of 12 to 25. Figures last year revealed more than 200 children in the Black Country and Staffordshire have been treated for eating disorders in the last three years.

Florence Okwu, acting research and innovation manager at The Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust, said: "I would urge anyone to get in touch if they fit the criteria so they can play a part in the potential treatment of bulimia nervosa."

To find out more or take part call Ms Okwu on 01922 608299 or email florence.okwu1@nhs.net

First ever Doctor Who script sells for £6,000

AN ORIGINAL script from the first ever Doctor Who episode has sold in Dudley for more than £6,000 at auction.

'Doctor Who and the Tribe of Gum' fetched £6,200 when it went under the hammer at Aston's Auctioneers in Dudley.

The stained and slightly battered type-written script belonged to actor William Hartnell, the original Time Lord,

and covers the first episode, An Unearthly Child, of the first adventure of the long-running BBC children's TV series.

It had a guide price of between £5,000 and £7,000 and was sold as part of a film and music memorabilia auction.

It was found in a skip at the late actor's cottage in Mayfield, East Sussex, by a developer who gave it to his grandson.

Fantastic

Chris Aston, from Aston's Auctioneers, said: "It's fantastic - it's a piece of TV history from a cult TV series."

"It's unique, you can't get any rarer."

He added: "It's the only copy that survived in more than 50 years."

More than 300 people bid for the item online as fans from around the world battled to get their hands on the script.

Chris says the item is possibly the most popular the auction house has ever sold.

"It's probably generated the most interest," he said. "We have never has so many views on an item before on social media. It was really exciting."

The winning bidder was a private collector based in the UK.

The black-and-white episode, by Anthony Coburn, was first broadcast on November 23, 1963, and introduces William Hartnell as the first Doctor. It was slightly delayed due to extra news following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy the previous day.



First Doctor William Hartnell

Carole Ann Ford plays his 15-year-old granddaughter, Susan. Her unusual behaviour in the first episode called 'The Unearthly Child' becomes the focus of concern by two of her schoolteachers, played by Jacqueline Hill and William Russell, who are puzzled by her brilliance at science while she is unable to understand money.

They decide to follow her home, to a junk yard containing a blue Police Call Box. There they confront her mysterious grandfather, the Doctor, and on hearing Susan's voice enter the police box. Inside they are amazed to find a large room.

The Doctor, fearing they will give away the secret of his time and space machine, kidnaps them and takes them back to the Stone Age.

The document is 43 pages long and features blue pencil annotation's by Hartnell. A full set of six original camera scripts from the 1968 Dr Who episode 'Fury From the Deep' also sold for £1,300.

It's game on as mayor opens £640k state-of-the-art pitch

A £640,000 artificial grass football pitch is being officially opened in Dudley this week.

The floodlit 3G pitch was due to be opened by the Mayor of Dudley yesterday (Wednesday) at 6.30pm at Brierley Hill's Dell Stadium.

The 3G pitches are made using a synthetic surface designed for football and rugby at both competitive and recreational levels.

It has been developed thanks to investment from the Premier League, the Football Association and the Government via Sport England.

Match

The official opening evening was due to feature at 7.30pm a football match on the new pitch between Wolves All Stars and Dudley Town.

The new pitch has cost around

£644,000, made possible with £543,927 funding from the Premier League and the FA Facilities Fund, delivered by the Football Foundation, and £100,000 from Dudley Council.

Dudley Council's strategic director Alan Lunt said: "We hope it will be beneficial to grassroots football in and around Dudley borough."

To book the pitch contact Steve Gay at steve.gay@dudley.gov.uk

Thought-provoking show on final taboo

AN acclaimed theatre performance about one of life's biggest taboos will take place in Stourbridge tonight (Thursday). Outside the Box, a show about death, will be performed by burial ground owner Liz Rothschild at the Old Church House at 7.30pm.

Tickets for the show cost £12 plus booking fee. A donation of £2 will be made to Mary Stevens Hospice from each ticket. The show will involve stories and music about life's final act.

Lucy Porter, manager of H Porter & Sons, said: "Having seen this show earlier this year, I'm delighted to be able to play a part in bringing it to Stourbridge People will find it really thought-provoking." The performance is part of Dying Matters Awareness Week 2018.

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Feeling like the first time for Foreigner

Juke box heroes – rockers
Foreigner are heading to Brum



They've sold more than 80 million records. And their biggest hit single, I Want To Know What Love Is, gave them a number one hit in the US, UK and around the world.

Now Foreigner are back with a headline tour that will reflect on their remarkable rock legacy.

The band will perform at Birmingham's Symphony Hall on Tuesday, with special guests Joanne Shaw Taylor and John Parr.

It will be a true homecoming for founding member and lead guitarist, Mick Jones, who hails from the UK and formed the band in New York City in 1976 alongside fellow Briton and ex-King Crimson member Ian McDonald, along with American vocalist Lou Gramm.

Fans will see why it Feels Like The First Time as their performances include their unforgettable anthems I Want To Know What Love Is, Juke Box Hero, Waiting For A Girl Like You, Cold As Ice, Feels Like The First Time, Hot Blooded, Urgent and That Was Yesterday.

Mick says he was thrilled that the band was still together and playing live. "I never could have imagined when I set out to create Foreigner 40 years ago, that we'd still be touring around the world and performing the music we love all these years later. I can't express the gratitude I feel when fans share stories of how our songs have been woven into their milestones and memories over the years."

His band have enjoyed ten multi-platinum albums and 16 top 30 hits. They remain one of the most popular rock acts in the world and are responsible for some of rock and roll's most enduring songs.

The band recently released a new 10-inch vinyl four-track EP The Flame Still Burns and the celebrations will continue with the release of a 20-track album 40 this month, which contains the band's biggest hits.

That will be followed a week later by a double album of the same name, tracing the four-decade-long history. The May 19 release will contain new songs as well as all of the much-loved hits. A vinyl version is coming on June 2.

Foreigner are Mick Jones (lead guitar), Kelly Hansen (lead vocals), Jeff Pilson (bass, vocals), Tom Gimbel (rhythm guitar, sax, vocals), Michael Bluestein (keyboards), Bruce Watson (guitar) and Chris Frazier (drums).

Mick had enjoyed an interesting career before former Foreigner and didn't intend for it to be a band that lasted four decades.

"Well, I had a pretty interesting career up until then. Which had led me to France, [where] I got to play with a lot of musicians who were coming in and out of Paris, and did sessions with quite a few people, and started to learn a little about writing. And it was the time of The Beatles, so obviously everybody was trying to write songs [like The Beatles]. I was learning the songs just to educate myself, really, as to chord structures and melodies.

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"But what led me to forming a band eventually – my own band – is that I had been in a couple of bands. I went back to England, and finally started [playing] again in my mid-20s, and my dream was always to come over to the USA. From an early age, y'know, America represented this mecca. And gradually, I started to increase my focus on writing, alongside playing with a band called Spooky Tooth.

I played in a band with the guitar player Leslie West [of Mountain] for a while. Unfortunately all those things sort of came to a fizzle, and I was kind of left high and dry in New York for a while, not really knowing what to do... I decided it was time to make a decision. Either I make a stand, or I let the water wash over me.

"So that led to me just starting writing, really. Just sitting down all day, just trying to get some flow going,

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trying to write some stuff that I would be comfortable with. Not pandering to any particular style or commercial style. And that was sort of the code I had.

"Even though some of our music may be regarded as poppy, I think the basis of it has always been rock, and infusions of soul here and there. I didn't really know where we fit, actually... there were a few older bands in those days, too. But there wasn't a new scene for bands like mine. It was the dawn of punk and new wave, so [what I was doing] was the exact opposite."

Mick knew that he was onto something special when the band recorded I Want To Know What Love Is.

"I did. I knew it was going to be special. The thing was how to keep it out of the traditional pop-rock ballad thing, with playing guitars and stuff like that. Plus apart from the little 'ding-ding-ding' riff, which was a synthesizer, pretty much everything else on there was acoustic. No electric guitar. Which wasn't a purposeful thing, but as the song progressed, I took a lot of pains in holding back any ideas about augmenting it with unnecessary frill."

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The Slow Readers Club



Read all about it as band's slow rise to top continues

MANCHESTER band The Slow Readers Club are bringing their soaring indie rock anthems to Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms next week, following the release of their third album, Build A Tower.

The quartet, who have drawn comparisons with The Killers, Interpol and The National, will be playing the Broad Street venue on Thursday, May 17, as they prepare for various festival dates this summer.

The group's brooding electro sound has taken on epic proportions with Build A Tower as tracks such as You Opened Up My Heart, Lives Never Known and Distant Memory are likely to attract new fans.

It is the band's first album with the Modern Sky label,

following the release of their self-titled debut album in 2011 and Cavalcade in 2015.

Of Build A Tower, released last Friday, the band say: "We're really proud of the record as we've learned a lot since our last, self-released, album."

"Build A Tower feels like a big step up. Even though fans have heard a couple of the tracks played on the last tour, there's a lot we've been holding back until they had the album in their hands, so we're also looking forward to getting out and playing live."

Fronted by singer Aaron Starkie, The Slow Readers Club features his brother Kurtis (guitar), James Ryan (bass) and David Whitworth (drums). In recent times they supported James on an arena tour and in their own right sold out Manchester's 2,000 seat Albert Hall.

Ooh Betty, Frank has turned into Joe



Comedy star Joe Pasquale takes on one of British TV's favourite comic roles when he plays accident-prone Frank Spencer in the first stage production of Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em.

The squeaky-voiced funnyman will be stepping into the shoes (or should that be rollerskates) of Michael Crawford, who found fame in the classic TV sit-com during the 1970s.

The UK tour comes to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, May 19.

Joe is no stranger to the Grand having visited several times during 20 years of stand-up tours.

In the play the long-suffering wife of Frank, Betty, will be played by Sarah Earnshaw. His mother-in-law, Mrs Fisher, is played by Susie Blake, whose credits include Coronation Street and Mrs Brown's Boys, as well as being one of Victoria Wood's As Seen on TV ensemble.

The stage adaptation has been written by Guy Unsworth, who also directs, and is based on the original TV series by Raymond Allen. The set by Simon Higlett apparently reflects Frank's enthusiastic

rather than accomplished attempts at home DIY.

Other theatre highlights over the coming week include Agatha Christie thriller Love from a Stranger at the New Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham from Tuesday to Saturday. Frank Vosper's rewrite of the Christie psychological chiller has been moved to the 1950s by director Lucy Bailey and is the story of a whirlwind romance that turns sinister. A group of 40s something ladies aim to meet their idols in new musical The Band, featuring the music of Take That, at Birmingham Hippodrome until Saturday.

Just happy to get out of the house

TV comic Chris Ramsey is bringing his new tour show to the Black Country.

The popular Geordie will be stopping off at Dudley Town Hall next Friday, May 18, with his The Just Happy To Get Out Of The House Tour. Ramsey has appeared on Live At The Apollo, The John Bishop Show, Celebrity Juice, Never Mind The Buzzcocks and 8 Out of 10 Cats. He also hosts The Chris Ramsey Show on Comedy Central. Tickets cost £20 plus booking fees from www.boroughhalls.co.uk or on 01384 812812.



Exploring anxiety, sex and music at the Rep

The tempestuous relationship between sex, anxiety and music is explored in a new production from one of Europe's top theatre directors, Calixto Bieito. The String Quartet's Guide to Sex and Anxiety will receive its world premiere at Birmingham Repertory Theatre from Saturday to Saturday (May 12-19) before embarking on an international tour. The production features four actors - including Band of Gold's Cathy Tyson and Miltos Yerolemos from Game of Thrones - alongside award-winning musicians The Heath Quartet performing music by Beethoven. Calixto Bieito said: "The String Quartet's Guide to Sex and Anxiety is like a symphonic poem for a quartet of musicians, and a quartet of voices. It will consider the human condition today, and where anxiety and depression stem from." See birmingham-rep.co.uk

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Graham Norton

Eurovision Song Contest 2018 (BBC1, 8pm)
Graham Norton returns to the commentary box to cover all the action from tonight's Grand Final, live from the Altice Arena in Lisbon, following Portugal's triumph last year. Salvador Sobral ended his nation's 53-year wait for a victory - or even a top-five finish - in Kiev with his song Amar pelos dois, finishing above Bulgaria and Moldova. Singer-songwriter SuRie will be flying the flag for the United Kingdom this evening with her entry Storm, which the country is hoping will become the sixth winning song from the UK and the first since Katrina and the Waves' Love Shine a Light way back in 1997. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Hairys Bikers' Asian Adventure. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News. Weather. **1.15** Rugby League's Legendary Watersplash Final. **2.00** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Castleford Tigers v St Helens (Kick-off 2.30pm). Mark Chapman presents coverage of the sixth-round fixture, which takes place at the Mend-A-Hose Jungle. It is a decade since the visitors last lifted the famous trophy, but their good early-season form means they will come into this contest with confidence. The Tigers last won the cup back in 1986, and most recently reached the final in 2014, where they lost 23-10 to Leeds Rhinos. **4.30** Doodlebugs. **4.45** Film: Big Hero 6. (2014) An orphan forms a special bond with an inflatable robot who helps him and his friends investigate a devastating event. Animated adventure, with the voice of Ryan Potter. **6.20** Ready or Not. Game show featuring unsuspecting members of the public who face surprise challenges while going about their daily lives. Paddy McGuinness provides the commentary. **6.50** BBC News. **7.00** Regional Programme. **7.10** Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present as famous theatre actors take part in the general knowledge quiz in which they try to come up with the least likely correct answers to a series of questions posed to members of the public. The contestants are Wayne Sleep, Louise Dearman, Neil Dudgeon, Annette Badland, Gary Wilmot, Rufus Hound, Roy Hudd and Anita Harris. **8.00** Eurovision Song Contest 2018. Graham Norton returns to the commentary box to cover all the action from tonight's Grand Final, live from the Altice Arena in Lisbon, following Portugal's triumph in Kiev last year. Subsequent programmes subject to change. **11.35** BBC News. Weather. National Lottery Update. **11.55** Film: Lay the Favourite. (2012) A Las Vegas cocktail waitress proves a success as a professional gambler, but arouses the jealousy of her mentor's wife. Comedy, starring Rebecca Hall. **1.20** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities. (R) **6.40** Naomi's Nightmares of Nature. (R) **7.10** The Pets Factor. **7.30** The Engineers. **8.00** Absolute Genius Super Tech with Dick & Dom. **8.30** Beyond Bionic. **9.00** Robot Wars. (R) **10.00** Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes? (R) **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** The World According to Kids. (R) **1.00** Money for Nothing. (R) **1.10** Escape to the Country. (R) **1.55** Film: Finding Neverland. (2004) Fact-based period drama, starring Johnny Depp. **3.30** Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge. (R) **4.30** Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge. (R) **5.30** Love in the Countryside. (R) **6.30** The Forest. How a fleet of highly skilled truckers transport the valuable cargo of timber from the Galloway Forest Park to mills north and south of the border. **7.00** The World's Most Extraordinary Homes. Award-winning architect Piers Taylor and actress and property enthusiast Caroline Quentin explore unusual homes in different locations of the world. (R) **8.00** Coast Lives. Weatherman Barra Best voyages around the Northern Irish coastline, encountering some rough weather even he had not foreseen before seeking sanctuary at the Copeland Islands. **8.30** Dad's Army. The platoon takes part in an exercise with the regular army and everything goes well - until Mainwaring assumes the role of an enemy agent on the run. (R) **9.00** The Private Life of the Royal Academy. Documentary shot over five years at the institution, which is celebrating its 250th anniversary this year, offering a unique insight into one of Britain's most enduring cultural establishments. With unparalleled access, the programme illuminates the inner workings of the Royal Academy of Arts and reveals how it embraces the challenge of balancing tradition and innovation. Architect Farshid Moussavi, artist Yinka Shonibare and painter Olwyn Bowey also reveal the complicated process of arranging art works for the famous Summer Exhibition. Narrated by Olivia Colman. **10.20** Film: My Old Lady. (2014) Comedy drama, starring Maggie Smith and Kevin Kline. **12.00** Versailles. (R) **3.40** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Super 4. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Star Wars Freemaker Adventures. (R) **7.20** The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.30** Teen Titans Go! (R) **7.45** Adventure Time. (R) **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Zoe Ball on Saturday. **9.25** James Martin's Saturday Morning. **11.20** Countrywise. (R) **11.50** ITV News: Weather. **12.00** Little Big Shots. (R) **1.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **3.00** Ninja Warrior UK. (R) **4.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **5.00** The Chase. (R) **6.00** ITV News: Weather. **6.15** Regional Programme: Weather. **6.30** Ninja Warrior UK. Competitors from across the UK test their strength, speed and courage in the semi-final of the obstacle-course challenge, hosted by Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara. **7.30** Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule. Madcap panel show presented by the comedian, who presides over two teams nominally tasked with saving planet Earth from any potential alien invasion. **8.00** Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the fifth audition round of the nationwide talent search, which sees a wide variety of acts, from comedians to contortionists, singers to spoon players, compete to impress judges Simon Cowell, Alesha Dixon, Amanda Holden and David Walliams. Whomever the quartet choose to send through to the live stages will then be in with a chance of winning a huge cash prize and a coveted slot at the Royal Variety Performance later this year, following in the footsteps of 2017 winner Tokio Myers. **9.20** The Keith & Paddy Picture Show. Keith Lemon and Paddy McGuinness re-create James Cameron's Terminator 2: Judgment Day, joined by an all-star cast including Jaime Winstone, Rick Astley and Hank Azaria. Terminator 2: Judgment Day follows after the news. **9.50** ITV News: Weather. **10.05** Film: Terminator 2: Judgment Day. (1991) Sci-fi adventure sequel, with Arnold Schwarzenegger. **12.30** Jackpot247. **3.00** Babushka. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 Motor Sport: Mini Challenge. **6.45** The King of Queens. (R) **7.10** The King of Queens. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.25** The Simpsons. (R) **12.55** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **3.00** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.00** Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. **6.30** Channel 4 News. **7.00** When Harry Met Meghan: A Royal Romance. Documentary exploring the life, character and family history of Meghan Markle, the American actress who has won the heart of Prince Harry, with the pair set to marry at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, next Saturday. Testimonies from royal experts provide an insight into the couple's relationship from its earliest stages, and interviews with friends and colleagues detail the circumstances of Meghan's childhood and coming-of-age in Los Angeles. As the child of film industry parents who divorced at a similar age to Harry's, Meghan's formative years appear to bear something of a resemblance to those of her royal suitor, and this programme explores her family tree in minute detail - tracing her ancestry back to the moment her father's ancestor's first arrived in America. **8.00** Britain's Most Historic Towns. Alice Roberts reveals the history of Belfast, visiting the shipyards that built the Titanic and getting locked up in the notorious Crumlin Road gaol. Last in the series. **9.00** Film: Cowboys & Aliens. (2011) A Wild-West town dominated by a cattle baron comes under attack by invaders from another world. It falls to a mysterious stranger with no memory to unite the townsfolk, a gang of outlaws and an Apache tribe, in a bid to fight back against the aliens, and learn the truth about his own past. Sci-fi Western, with Daniel Craig. **11.15** Film: 2 Guns. (2013) **1.15** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **2.05** Hollyoaks. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.05** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.25** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.25** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.20** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **3.20** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **4.15** Nightmare Tenants: Get Out of My House. (R) **5.15** Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords. (R) **6.10** Rich House, Poor House. (R) **7.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Agents Stewart McCracken and Elmore Victor head to Liverpool for what they expect to be a routine repossession, but instead face the most challenging eviction of their careers. Behind the front door, they find a critically ill two-year-old child with major heart problems, who is on constant life support and unable to breathe without a ventilator. Meanwhile, Brian O'Shaughnessy and Del Anglin chase £2,000 worth of debt owed by a business based in Kent, and recover £4,000 from a recycling business in Buckinghamshire. Plus, Stewart and Elmore encounter another family in crisis in Birmingham, where a retired couple who acted as guarantor for their daughter's tenancy are liable to pay over £3,000 after she defaulted. (R) **8.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Agents Delroy and Kevin face a web of deceit in an Italian delicatessen, while Steve and Paul must evict a tenant who has not paid her rent for over 18 months. (R) **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** Live Boxing. Sam Sexton v Hughie Fury. Coverage of the bout for the British Heavyweight Title, which takes place at Bolton Whites Hotel. Fury suffered the first defeat of his career in September, losing a majority decision to then-WBO world champion Joseph Parker at Manchester Arena. Champion Sexton hasn't lost since 2012, and will be keen to continue his good form in this contest and hold onto the belt he won in October. **11.15** When Eurovision Goes Horribly Wrong. Angela Rippon presents a guide to the song contest's most disastrous moments, featuring contributions from past performers including Dana, Sonia and Lindsay Dracass. (R) **1.55** SuperCasino. **3.10** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Nature's Epic Journeys **8.00** Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom **9.00** Salamander: Blood Diamonds **10.40** Burt Bacharach: A Life in Song **12.10** Singa Bacharach and David! **1.10** Nature's Epic Journeys **2.10** Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom **3.10** Close **ITV2**
11.50 Britain's Got More Talent **12.50** Ninja Warrior UK **1.50** Film: Spy Kids (2001) **2.50** FYI Daily **2.55** Film: Spy Kids (2001) **3.45** Film: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **4.45** FYI Daily **4.50** Film: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **5.25** Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003) **6.30** FYI Daily **6.35** Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003) **9.20** Britain's Got More Talent **10.20** Celebrity Juice **11.10** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.30** Plebs **2.05** CelebAbility **2.40** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen **ITV3**
12.25 Film: Columbus: How to Dial a Murder (1978) **2.00** Prince Harry and Meghan: Truly, Madly, Deeply **4.00** Invitation to a Royal Wedding **5.05** Agatha Christie's Poirot **11.00** Film: Murder on the Orient Express (1974) **1.30** On the Buses **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping **ITV4**
11.25 Film: Lawman (1971) **12.25** FYI Daily **12.30** Film: Lawman (1971) **1.30** FYI Racing Live from Ascot. **4.30** Film: Octopussy (1983) **5.30** FYI Daily **5.35** Film: Octopussy (1983) **7.15** Film: Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20** Film: Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **9.00** Film: Passenger 57 (1992) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** Film: Passenger 57 (1992) **10.45** Cycling: Tour Series **11.55** FYI Daily **1.00** Film: Executive Decision (1996) **2.30** Tommy Cooper **3.00** Teleshopping **E4**
1.00 The Big Bang Theory **2.00** Film: Evolution (2001) **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Friends with Benefits (2011) **11.10** Gogglebox **1.15** The Inbetweeners **2.25** Tattlo Fixers **3.15** Rude Tube **4.10** Rude(tish) Tube **Film4**
11.00 Arietty (2010) **1.00** Rango (2011) **3.05** Capture the Flag (2015) **4.50** The Devil Wears Prada (2006) **7.00** Men in Black 3 (2012) **9.00** Now You See Me (2013) **11.15** Men & Chicken (2015)



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CHOICE



Sue Perkins

British Academy Television Awards 2018 (BBC1, 8pm)
Sue Perkins hosts the awards ceremony from London's Royal Festival Hall. The shows in the running include Black Mirror, Line of Duty, The Crown and Three Girls, while nominees for awards include Joe Cole, Thandie Newton, Claire Foy, Molly Windsor Brian F O'Bryan, Anna Friel, Julie Hesmondhalgh, Samson Kayo, Anupam Kher, Jack Rowan and Sandi Toksvig. John Motson, will receive the BAFTA Special Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to sports broadcasting.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Britain's Fat Fight with Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall. (R) **2.15** Lifetime. **2.25** Points of View. **2.40** Songs of Praise. **3.20** Britain's Best Home Cook. The contestants create their ultimate fish dish displaying their individual home cooking style and then invent a sweet or savoury meal with squash or as the key ingredient. (R) **4.20** Final Score. Jason Mohammad presents a round-up of the classified results and this afternoon's news. **5.30** BBC News. **5.45** Regional Programme.
6.00 **The A to Z of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.** Jennifer Saunders presents a guide to the 105-year history of the horticultural event, while Adam Frost shares his memories of being involved in the show as both a designer and a presenter. Plus, Arit Anderson and Frances Tophill travelling the country meeting people who are preparing to exhibit their creations at this year's show, and a profile of the event's most prolific gold medal winner Sarah Eberle.
7.00 **Countryside.** A round-up of rural reports from Hampshire. Matt Baker discovers a plan to make more use of locally sourced timber. John Craven finds out about how oysters are being reintroduced to the Solent, and Elite Harrison visits an innovative project to tackle coastal erosion. Tom Heap investigates the danger of cyber-attacks on farming machinery, and Charlotte Smith and Adam Henson meet the third finalist for The Farming Hero Awards.
8.00 **British Academy Television Awards 2018.** Sue Perkins hosts the awards ceremony from London's Royal Festival Hall. The shows nominated for awards include Black Mirror, Line of Duty, The Crown and Three Girls.
10.00 BBC News.
10.20 Regional Programme.
10.30 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the final round of Premier League fixtures, including Huddersfield Town v Arsenal, Burnley v Bournemouth and Swansea City v Stoke City.
12.10 The Women's Football Show.
12.45 Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.50 BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **6.50** Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) **7.20** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.20** Countryside. (R) **9.15** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.45** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.15** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **12.00** Athletics: Diamond League Shanghai Highlights. **1.00** Triathlon World Series: Yokohama. **3.00** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Toronto Wolfpack v Warrington Wolves (Kick-off 3.30pm). **5.30** Pig It! (R) **6.00** **Film: Tomorrowland: A World Beyond.** (2015) Premiere. A boy genius in the 1960s finds his way into a spectacular futuristic metropolis while attempting to promote his idea for a jetpack. Decades later, he has grown into a disillusioned adult, while a girl who has the talent and enthusiasm he has lost also finds her way into this strange new world, and together they attempt to uncover its secrets. Fantasy adventure, starring George Clooney, Britt Robertson and Hugh Laurie.
8.00 **Neanderthals: Meet Your Ancestors.** Part one of two. Archaeologist Ella Al-Shamahi and actor Andy Serkis bring the prehistoric humans back to life through animation, revealing surprising similarities to modern humans.
9.00 **Burma with Simon Reeve.** Part one of two. Documentary exploring the country in the aftermath of the humanitarian crisis in which thousands of Rohingya Muslims were driven from their homes by the military.
10.00 **Atlanta.** New series. A man sees an opportunity to turn his life around by helping his cousin become a rap star. Comedy drama, starring Donald Glover and Brian Tyree Henry.
10.25 **Atlanta.** The cousins are arrested after the shooting and while Paper Boi posts bail quickly, Earn is left at the station waiting to be processed along with everyone else arrested overnight.
10.50 **Later Weekend with Jools Holland.** Return of the live music programme, featuring performances by Snow Patrol, Shame, Tower of Power, Jade Bird, Bettye Lavette and Plan B.
11.50 Versailles. (R)
12.45 Versailles. (R) **2.35** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **3.35** Holby City. (R) **4.35** This Is BBC two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Super 4. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.25** The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.30** Teen Titans Go! (R) **7.45** Adventure Time. (R) **8.00** The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Zoe Ball on Sunday. **9.25** Love Your Garden. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **12.15** Britain's Got More Talent. (R) **1.15** ITV News: Weather. **1.30** Ninja Warrior UK. (R) **2.30** Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs - India. (R) **3.00** Change Your Tune. **4.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **5.00** The Chase Celebrity Special. (R)
6.00 **Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule.** Madcap panel show presented by the comedian, who presides over two teams nominally tasked with saving planet Earth from any potential alien invasion. (R)
6.30 **ITV News:** Weather.
6.45 **Regional Programme:** Weather.
7.00 **Little Big Shots.** Dawn French hosts a variety show featuring some of the world's most talented children, including a blind pianist and displays of martial arts and pizza tossing.
8.00 **Midsomer Murders.** New series. The crime drama returns for a 20th series, which finds Barnaby and Winter joined by a new pathologist, Petra Antonescu (Anamaria Marinca). A woman slips away from a Jane Austen re-enactment in full costume, only to be stabbed to death in the woods - her murder being recorded by a drone. The victim is discovered to be an undercover journalist, who had some unusual questions to ask about the village and the country house where the historical event took place. Guest starring Claire Skinner and Samuel West.
10.00 **ITV News:** Weather.
10.20 **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with Allegra Stratton. (R)
11.20 **This Time Next Year.** Davina McCall meets an 11-year-old meningitis survivor hoping to finally have hands, and a young couple with fertility complications who dream of starting a family. (R)
12.15 Great Art. (R) **1.05** Jackpot247.
3.00 Motorsport UK. (R) **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights. (R) **4.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Eat the Week. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Bake Off: The Professionals. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** **Film: Cheaper By the Dozen.** (2003) Family comedy remake, starring Steve Martin. **4.25** Extreme Cake Makers: Royal Wedding Special. **5.30** Channel 4 News.
6.00 **Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix Highlights.** Steve Jones and David Coulthard present action from the fifth round of the season at the Circuit de Catalunya in Barcelona, where Lewis Hamilton was the winner last year.
8.00 **Bake Off: The Professionals.** Judges Cherish Finden and Benoit Blin put the five remaining teams to the test making layered slices. The first stage of the challenge involves making 24 tiramisu and 24 roulade praline slices in three and a half hours, while for the showpiece, they must prepare enough modern-themed croque-mouches to serve 36 people.
9.00 **Film: Eddie the Eagle.** (2016) Premiere. Biopic of British sporting underdog Eddie Edwards. Determined to fulfil his dreams of becoming an Olympic athlete, Edwards trains as a ski jumper - a field in which Britain had no other competitors. He secures a place in the 1988 Winter Olympics, where his can-do attitude makes him a media sensation in the face of a losing streak. Starring Taron Egerton, Hugh Jackman and Christopher Walken.
11.05 **8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.** Jimmy Carr hosts the words-and-numbers panel game, which sees Sean Lock and Seann Walsh taking on guest captain Joe Wilkinson and Danny Dyer, with Bill Bailey in Dictionary Corner. (R)
12.05 **Film: Good People.** (2014) Crime thriller, starring James Franco and Kate Hudson. **1.35** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **2.25** When Harry Met Meghan: A Royal Romance. The relationship between Meghan Markle and Prince Harry. (R) **3.20** Gok's Fill Your House for Free. A couple whose plans to decorate their house were thrown into disarray. (R) **4.15** Best Laid Plans. (R) **5.10** Fifteen to One. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.10** Wissper. (R) **6.20** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.30** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.35** The Secret Life of Puppies! (R) **6.40** Moly. (R) **6.45** Simon. (R) **6.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.00** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.10** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.35** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.45** Rusty Rivets. **8.00** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.15** Nella the Princess Knight. (R) **8.30** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.50** Floogals. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.30** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **11.00** Budgies Make You Laugh Out Loud. **11.55** Penguins Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **12.55** Puppies Make You Laugh Out Loud 2. (R) **1.55** Naughty Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **2.50** **Film: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls.** (1995) **3.50** 5 News Update. **3.55** **Film: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls.** (1995) Concluded.
4.40 **Film: Garfield.** (2004) Family comedy, with the voice of Bill Murray.
6.10 **Kittens Make You Laugh Out Loud.** Internet videos featuring kittens doing bizarre and humorous things. (R)
7.00 **Kitten's Got Talent.** Internet clips of cats performing physical feats or demonstrating lightning reactions, sporting and athletic skills, super intelligence or bravery. (R)
8.00 **Psycho Pussies: When Cats Attack.** Documentary using online clips and personal accounts to explore the dangerous side of the domestic feline, drawing parallels between big cats and their tame cousins. (R)
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **Kylie at 50: Especially For You.** Profile of the singer, to coincide with the 30th anniversary of her debut single. The programme features archive footage of TV appearances and personal home videos.
10.35 **Film: Muriel's Wedding.** (1994) A downturned Abba-obsessed woman heads for the bright lights of Sydney to fulfil her dreams of the perfect wedding. Comedy, with Toni Collette, Bill Hunter and Rachel Griffiths.
12.40 Funniest Fails, Fails & Flops. (R) **1.00** SuperCasino. **3.10** The Yorkshire Vet. (R) **4.00** Naughty Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **4.45** House Doctor. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 BBC Young Musician 2018 Grand Final **9.30** History of the Future: Cars **10.00** The Sky at Night **10.30** The Horizon Guide to Space Shuttles **11.30** Britain's Star Men: Heroes of Astronomy **12.30** Science and Islam **1.30** Metal: How It Works **2.30** The Horizon Guide to Space Shuttles **3.30** Close
ITV2
11.20 You've Been Framed! Gold **11.55** Celebrity Catchphrase **12.55** **Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (2008) **1.55** FYI Daily **2.00** **Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (2008) **3.00** Britain's Got Talent **4.20** Britain's Got More Talent **5.20** **Film: Despicable Me** (2010) **6.20** FYI Daily **6.25** **Film: Despicable Me** (2010) **7.25** **Film: Pacific Rim** (2013) **8.25** FYI Daily **8.30** **Film: Pacific Rim** (2013) **10.00** Family Guy **11.25** American Dad! **12.25** The Cleveland Show **12.50** Through the Keyhole **1.55** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3
12.30 The Royal Wives of Windsor **2.30** A Very Royal Wedding **4.00** Prince Harry's Story: Four Royal Weddings **5.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Joanna Lumley's Japan **10.00** Cilla **11.00** Wire in the Blood **1.10** Blue Murder **2.25** Liverpool **1.30** Road to Avonlea **4.55** George and Mildred **5.50** ITV3 Nightscreen
ITV4
1.45 **Film: Tobruk** (1967) **2.50** FYI Daily **2.55** **Film: Tobruk** (1967) **3.55** **Film: Police Academy 3: Back in Training** (1986) **4.55** FYI Daily **5.00** **Film: Police Academy 3: Back in Training** (1986) **5.45** UEFA European U17 Championship Live. Coverage of a quarter-final match (Kick-off 6.00pm). **8.00** Sporting Funnies **8.10** **Film: Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol** (1987) **10.00** **Film: Ransom** (1996) **11.10** FYI Daily **11.15** **Film: Ransom** (1996) **12.20** **Film: The Keeper** (2009) **1.20** FYI Daily **1.25** **Film: The Keeper** (2009) **2.25** The Protectors **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
2.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.30** The Big Bang Theory **5.30** Young Sheldon **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.30** **Film: Battleship** (2012) **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.10** The Big Bang Theory **12.05** Tattoo Fixers **1.10** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.05** Rude Tube **3.25** Hollyoaks



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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Murder, She Baked: A Peach Cobbler Mystery, Channel 5, 3.20pm
Amateur sleuth Hannah Swensen is plunged into a mystery once again after finding the dead body of one of the owners of a rival bakery, but this time she finds herself under suspicion of murder. Whodunit, starring Alison Sweeney. (2016)

TUESDAY
Cradle Swapping, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Premiere. A young couple cope with the mysterious illness of their newborn baby, but discover the child they brought home is not theirs. Drama, starring Amanda Clayton. (2017)

WEDNESDAY
Maniac Mom, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Premiere. Mandy, a mother in a new town finds herself ostracized after her young daughter outperforms another woman's daughter. Thriller, starring Jessica Blackmore. (2017)



I Know What You Did Last Summer, Friday, BBC1, 12.25am

THURSDAY
Fatal Close-Up, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Premiere. A freelance photographer is suspected of murder when a woman she is assigned to take photos of is killed. Thriller, starring Daphne Zuniga and Adam Huss. (2018)

FRIDAY
Being Blacker, BBC2, 11.05pm
Molly Dineen's documentary about Blacker Dread, a Jamaican-born reggae producer, businessman, father, son and pillar of the community in Brixton. The film focuses on a tumultuous time in his life as he deals with the death of his mother and the prospect of his first prison sentence. (2018)

I Know What You Did Last Summer, BBC1, 12.25am
Four teenagers accidentally run over a stranger and hide the body rather than inform the authorities, only to find themselves stalked the following year by a shadowy figure who takes great delight in disposing of them in a variety of gruesome ways. Horror, starring Jennifer Love Hewitt. (1997)

Gently does it for Lee in his quest for justice

He may have played a police officer in Inspector George Gently, but in real life actor Lee Ingleby has managed to avoid seeing the inside of a court.

The actor admits he's never attended a trial, saying: "I've had to turn down jury service a couple of times for filming reasons. There was one time where they refused my request to not do it. And I thought, 'I'm going to lose the acting job.' So we had to get letters from the producers and so on to try and change their mind. Which they did."

He adds: "I think it would be quite interesting to be on a jury. Of course you never know what you're going to get. But just to see how it all works would be interesting. How the barristers and solicitors work and all the rest of it. I guess every case is different."

However, the character he plays in the new four-part drama Innocent, which is showing on consecutive evenings across the week, has probably had enough of courts. Ingleby stars as

David, who, after serving seven years of a life sentence for the murder of his wife Tara, is unexpectedly freed on a technicality.

The verdict is good news for his brother Phil (Daniel Ryan), who has campaigned tirelessly on behalf of his brother. But it comes as a terrible blow to Tara's sister Alice (Hermione Norris) and her husband Rob (Adrian Rawlins), who are unable to conceive and have been raising David's children as their own – using the proceeds of Tara and David's estate – and now face losing custody.

Ingleby says: "As far as Alice is concerned, the original verdict was read out and that was it. It was proven in court that David murdered her sister. And that's what it is. David is released on a technicality rather than through some irrefutable evidence. It must be very hard to come to terms with that from her point of view."

It's also tough on his kids: "As far as his children are concerned, they

only know he was convicted of killing their mother. She is no longer around and that's because of their father. That's the story and the life they have been leading.

"David's children have been getting used to normality in their lives with new guardians after the trauma of losing their mother. Having been young when he was jailed, their father now appears as this stranger with a story they can't process."

Then there's DI Will Beech (Nigel Lindsay), who was the original investigating officer and resents the implication that he got it wrong. He's been suspended from the new investigation and replaced by DI Cathy Hudson (Angel Coulby) – which is awkward, as they are secretly in a relationship. And why does Dr Tom Wilson (Elliot Cowan) seem troubled by David's release?

But the biggest question remains – is David really the innocent victim of a terrible miscarriage of justice, or does he deserve to be behind bars?



Lee Ingleby and Hermione Norris star in Innocent, Monday, ITV, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

the Synth community, it seems as if everyone will have to fight for their survival.

FRIDAY
The Royal Wedding: They're Getting Married in the Morning BBC1, 7pm

We don't know if you've heard, but there's going to be a royal wedding tomorrow. The BBC is certainly excited as they bring us the latest news ahead of the ceremony, which will see American actress and humanitarian Meghan Markle marry Prince Harry. The presenters hear from some of the people who are playing key roles, finding out about their own preparations for the occasion. A team of reporters around the venue will also be on hand with updates, as crowds start to gather to claim the best vantage points.

The Bridge BBC2, 9pm
Saga wants to return to work following her traumatic assault, but while Henrik wants to have her on the investigation, Lillian takes some convincing. Saga remains obsessed with finding Henrik's daughters, while he wonders if he will have to give in to the idea that they are no longer alive in order to finally move on.

MONDAY
Back to the Land with Kate Humble BBC2, 7pm
The broadcaster chats to a father and son team who own the first caviar farm in the UK that harvests sturgeon eggs ethically and humanely, and who are embarking on their own breeding programme that could make or break the business. Kate also meets a family who have diversified into growing hemp on an industrial scale and even built their farm house with it, before visiting a woman who crafts Whitby jet in its raw form, then polishes, shapes and works it into silver and gold jewellery which she smiths herself.

TUESDAY
Manchester Terror Attack: In Their Own Words Channel 5, 10pm
On May 22, 2017, an audience of 14,200 – the majority of them young girls – watched the pop singer Ariana Grande perform at Manchester Arena. The show finished at 10.30pm and as the fans left the arena, a terrorist bomb detonated, killing 22 people and injuring more than 240. The attack shocked the world (Grande and a host of international stars would return to Manchester the following month for a benefit concert) and now, one

year on, some of the people who were caught up in the tragedy share their stories. The documentary hears not just from those injured, but also their families and the investigating officers, as the reveal how their lives have changed since that night. The BBC will also be remembering the tragedy with the documentary Manchester Bomb: Our Story at 10.45pm.

WEDNESDAY
Love in the Countryside BBC2, 9pm
This time, 28-year-old equine vet Heather and 33-year-old cattle and sheep farmer Christine's dates arrive to sample rural life. Christine throws her two dates Joe and Josh straight in at the deep end with some particularly sensitive work, while the competition to win over vet Heather gets serious between her three chosen singletons. Elsewhere, Yorkshire dairy farmer Pete gets to spend some quality one on one time with each of his dates, and emotions run high when he finally reveals who he can see a future with.



Humans, Thursday, Channel 4, 9pm

THURSDAY
Humans Channel 4, 9pm
Sky Atlantic's Westworld isn't the only robot uprising on our screens - this homegrown series is also back for a third series. It's a year since the dawn of consciousness, and it seems that humanity currently has the upper hand as the oppressed Synthas are struggling to survive. Max (Ivanhoe Jeremiah), Mia (Gemma Chan) and Flash (Ritu Arya) are living in a designated synth area known as the Railyard, while trying to reach an uneasy peace with the humans – and caring for the comatose Leo (Colin Morgan). Meanwhile, Laura (Katherine Parkinson) is campaigning for synth rights, while Joe (Tom Goodman) has opted for a technology-free life and Niska (Emily Berrington) has withdrawn from the struggle to pass herself off as human. However, when cracks appear in

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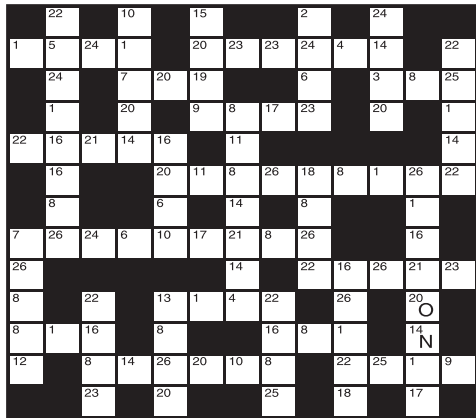
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
E	M	Q	X	J	G	Y	P	B	S	N	I	F
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

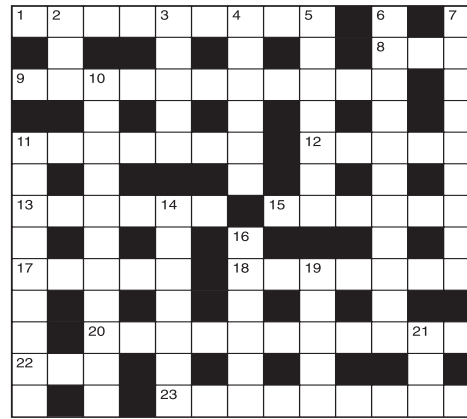
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Look round for a way to throw a fight (4,5)
8. He holds a round gardening tool (3)
9. Valiant but open to still further suspicion? (11)
11. Point behind the ship towards the sunrise (7)
12. The Irish lost more than half of them (5)
13. This state is too good to be true (6)
15. How one should march on foot (6)
17. It's socially acceptable in workers - relatively speaking (5)
18. They have to knock inside for treatment (7)
20. Frozen to the core (4-7)
22. It's frequently poetical (3)
23. Their charges will be small (9)

Down

2. We start with a feeling of wonder (3)
3. An inspiration to entertain (5)
4. Displaced unit go for a trip (6)
5. Ant-bite upsets the foreigner (7)
6. Most actors probably hope for it (3,4,4)
7. A mundane subject (9)
10. Breaks off an engagement? (11)
11. Children are given it in different forms (9)
14. Specifically used by diabetics (7)
16. He's mastered the art of eating out (6)
19. Make sure your slip isn't showing! (5)
21. Everything started with her (3)



Quick Clues:

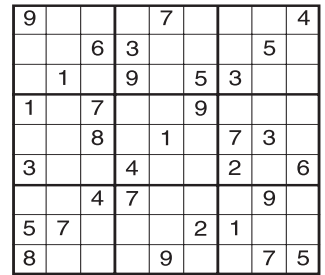
Across

1. Powerlessness (9)
8. Possess (3)
9. Leaning (11)
11. Shorten (7)
12. Smell (5)
13. Multitudes (6)
15. Contrivance (6)
17. Reel (5)
18. Misconception (7)
20. Promotion (11)
22. Revealed (3)
23. In repose (9)

Down

2. Male (3)
3. Attempted (5)
4. Closer (6)
5. Incident (7)
6. Make firm (11)
7. Meddle (9)
10. Confirm (11)
11. Coming to power (9)
14. Transfer (7)
16. Recompense (6)
19. Ledge (5)
21. Zero (3)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

8	4	5	6	9	7	1	2	3
3	7	1	4	5	2	9	8	6
6	9	2	1	3	8	7	5	4
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
 CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Spaces; 8 Bureau; 10 Untried; 11 Taper; 12 Edam; 13 Staid; 17 Liars; 18 Keen; 22 Limit; 23 Avarice; 24 Vacant; 25 Punnet.
 Down: 1 Assumes; 2 Partial; 3 Relic; 4 Sustain; 5 Deeps; 6 Ouvre; 9 Editorial; 14 Distant; 15 Designs; 16 Invents; 19 Slave; 20 Smack; 21 Vague.
 QUICK - Across: 7 Choose; 8 Arbour; 10 Include; 11 Vaunt; 12 Vast; 13 Score; 17 Hurry; 18 Lone; 22 Loose; 23 Abridge; 24 Fasten; 25 Aspect. Down: 1 Achieve; 2 Concise; 3 Issue; 4 Bravery; 5 Rogue; 6 Trité; 9 Mercurial; 14 Quiet; 15 Soldier; 16 Beneath; 19 Cleft; 20 Rouse; 21 Trust.

Quiz

1. In which county is the ship-burial site Sutton Hoo?
2. What is the edible fruit of the bush Ribes uva-crispa?
3. Which English bridge was the world's longest single-span suspension bridge when completed in 1980?
4. Which Crazy Gang member was born Robert Winthrop?
5. Where, in Norse mythology, did the principal gods live?
6. Tony Blair's wife Cherie is the daughter of which actor?
7. Which town is the headquarters of the UK Civil Service Commission?
8. Which bird's ancient name was ouzel or ousel?
9. What is the capital of Italy's Lazio region?
10. Of which branch of biology was Gregor Mendel a founder?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Ulysses; 2 Rockies; 3 Pulp Fiction; 4 Rhode Island; 5 Zoroastrianism; 6 Chris Eubank; 7 The Derby; 8 United Artists; 9 Stretford; 10 Gregory Peck.

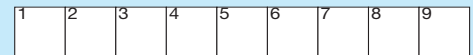
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£595,000

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A unique and individual property well positioned on Swindon Road, it has open countryside opposite and is further enhanced by extensive, superbly landscaped gardens and grounds with gated entrance and a large driveway. This is almost two properties in one with the main house offering the primary accommodation and a separate self-contained separate annexe over the triple garage block providing ancillary accommodation ideal for elderly relatives, teenagers or guests.

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A spacious home with stunning distant views

UPPER GORNAL
£350,000

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Being remarkably spacious and having panoramic distant views, this stunning four-double-bedroomed Victorian family home in Vale Street, Upper Gornal, is new to the property market.

It is for sale through Taylors estate agents at £350,000.

Having many fine period features - including a Minton tiled hall flooring and a marble fireplace. Having gas central heating and double glazing, its accommodation briefly comprises of an imposing reception hall (with a cellar below), a formal dining room, an elegant lounge with a bay and a through breakfast kitchen. On the first floor is a galleried landing, three double bedrooms and a bathroom. On the second floor is a fourth double bedroom.

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Modern style home in a convenient location

This modern style spacious three storey town house in Holly Road, Rowley Regis is for sale through Hicks Hadley at £159,000.

A modern style spacious town house in convenient location, its accommodation briefly comprises of an entrance hall, a fitted kitchen, a downstairs cloakroom/WC, a spacious lounge/diner, two double bedrooms and a house bathroom to the first floor, a large master suite with a bedroom, a dressing room and an en-suite shower room to

ROWLEY REGIS
£159,000

second floor. The property has gas central heating, double glazing with a garden and a garage to the rear.

In more detail the entrance hall has laminate style flooring and stairs off.

The fitted kitchen has a range of units to include a single drainer sink unit, base units with work tops, wall units, a built-in oven and a hob

with a stainless steel canopy over, plumbing for an automatic washing machine and tiled flooring.

The cloakroom/WC has wall and floor tiling and there is a walk-in storage cupboard.

The lounge/dining room has an under stairs storage cupboard, laminate flooring and a French door leading to rear garden.

For further information on this property contact Hicks Hadley on 0121 585 6667.



Detached family home packed with period features

This stunning traditional detached family home in Stafford Road, Bloxwich, comes with generous accommodation and landscaped gardens on an enviable corner plot.

Also backing onto a golf course and having stunning original features dating from 1929, it is for sale through Webbs Estate

BLOXWICH
£475,000

Agents at £475,000. This very well-presented and generously proportioned detached family home has accommodation which briefly comprises a through hallway, lounge, dining room, sitting room,

kitchen, utility room, shower room, ground floor bedroom, galleried landing, four further bedrooms, bathroom, separate WC, an en-suite to the master and a garage.

There are generous gardens and ample off-road parking.

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Mayfield Road, HALESOWEN/HURST GREEN£750 pcm+Fees
A refurbished link detached bungalow in a cul-de-sac location, corner position, briefly comprising of: 2 good size bedrooms, fitted kitchen, gas central heating, double glazing, lounge, bathroom with shower, garage with plumbing for washing machine, driveway parking. EPC: E



Abberley Close, HALESOWEN£750 pcm+Fees
A lovely spacious 3/5 bedroom town house located in central Halesowen on the popular Huntlands estate comprising of: hallway, modern fitted kitchen, ground floor dining room/4th bedroom with en suite shower room 1st floor has a large living room, bedroom 3/study, lovely fitted bathroom with separate shower, 2nd floor has 2 double bedrooms & 1 single bedroom, walk-in wardrobe, private rear garden, driveway for 2 cars. Not to be missed! EPC: D



Richmond Street, HALESOWEN£625 pcm+Fees
A modern style mid terraced in central Halesowen close to all amenities and bus links to Birmingham City Centre. The property comprises fitted kitchen with appliances, hallway, lounge with fireplace/gas fire, patio doors leading to a small maintenance free garden, 2 double bedrooms and family bathroom with shower. The property has a driveway & also benefits with rear parking. EPC: D



The Heathlands, ROWLEY REGIS£625 pcm+Fees
Modern 2 bedroom mid terrace property close to Blackheath Town Centre. Lounge, fitted kitchen, upstairs bathroom, front & rear garden, gas central heating. Driveway parking. EPC: C



Blackberry Lane, HALESOWEN£625 pcm+Fees
Not to be missed! A lovely mid terrace in a very popular location close to Town Centre. Featuring lounge, fitted dining kitchen with appliances, 2 bedrooms & a further carpeted loft room accessed by strong & sturdy wooden ladders, refitted bathroom, central heating & double glazing, private rear garden with storage shed, on road parking. EPC: D



Woodgate Gardens, Bartley Green, Birmingham, B32£625 pcm+Fees
Improved & deceptively large end terraced house, newly carpeted with entrance porch, hallway, large lounge, downstairs WC, kitchen/dining area with patio doors leading to garden, 3 good size bedrooms, shower room, off road parking. EPC: D



Brett Young Close, HALESOWEN£600 pcm+Fees
An impressive 1st floor apartment within walking distance to Halesowen Town Centre. This modern apartment features 2 double bedrooms, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, spacious open plan lounge/kitchen, family bathroom, allocating parking. Also benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. MINIMUM 12 MONTH CONTRACT. EPC: B



Brett Young Close, HALESOWEN£595 pcm+Fees
An impressive 1st floor apartment within walking distance to Halesowen Town Centre briefly comprising of: 2 double bedrooms, spacious lounge, modern kitchen with appliances, modern bathroom with shower, allocating parking. EPC: B



Bloomfield Street North, HALESOWEN£595 pcm+Fees
A superbly well presented fully refurbished 2 bedroom terraced property in this very well sought after area having lounge, stunning fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom with shower, 2 double bedrooms, gas central heating. Must be viewed to appreciate. NO GARDEN. EPC: C



The Infield, HALESOWEN £575 pcm+Fees
Stunning and modern on a well sought after new estate. This top floor apartment features 2 bedrooms, master with fitted wardrobes, large lounge with real dark wood flooring, superb high spec kitchen with built-in fridge/freezer and washer/dryer, bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing, allocated parking. Not to be missed. EPC: C



Grange Crescent, HALESOWEN£575 pcm+Fees
We are pleased to offer this extremely well presented 2 bedroom 1st floor flat conveniently located close to Halesowen town centre and local amenities. The property comprises of: lounge, fitted kitchen with appliances, 2 double bedrooms with fitted wardrobes, bathroom suite with shower, gas central heating, large driveway, rear private garden & garage. EPC: D



Harvington Road, HALESOWEN£575 pcm+Fees
An unfurnished 1st floor apartment close to Halesowen Town Centre. Set in a quiet block with communal gardens and parking for 1 car. Featuring 2 double bedrooms, large lounge with a bay window, bathroom with shower, kitchen with a small under counter fridge. EPC: C



Stourbridge Road, STOURBRIDGE£575 pcm+Fees
● FRESHLY RE-DECORATED ● An unfurnished 3 bedroom mid terraced property with off road parking to the rear, close to local amenities and main bus routes. The property is well presented and comprises of: entrance porch, hallway, lounge with feature fireplace, modern kitchen, 3 good size bedrooms, modern bathroom with shower, private rear garden. EPC: D



Stour Court, HALESOWEN £550 pcm+Fees
Sited in a highly sought after location, and an opportunity not to be missed, is this stunning 1st floor apartment featuring a light and spacious lounge, beautifully fitted kitchen, 2 large bedrooms, gas central heating, double glazed, allocated parking. EPC: C



Luanne Close, CRADLEY HEATH£525 pcm+Fees
Wonderfully presented and with its own balcony. A 1st floor modern apartment, ideally located for Old Hill train station and local shops benefits from 1 double bedroom and 1 single bedroom, modern kitchen with washer/dryer, lovely lounge with access to your own private balcony, house bathroom with shower, allocated parking. EPC: B



Southgate Way, DUDLEY £525 pcm+Fees
A stunning and spacious well presented furnished to suit 1st floor apartment featuring 2 bedrooms, electric storage heating, double glazing, open plan living room with fitted kitchen, house bathroom with shower, allocated parking space. Viewing highly recommended. EPC: C



Stourbridge Road, HALESOWEN£495 pcm+Fees
A lovely ground floor flat that has been fully re-furnished to a very high standard. Within walking distance of Halesowen Town Centre. Featuring large living room, kitchen with oven/hob, 1 double bedroom, beautiful shower room, gas central heating, double glazing, on road parking. EPC: D



Alwin Road, ROWLEY REGIS£475 pcm+Fees
A 1 bedroom ground floor flat being double glazed and electric heating. The accommodation, which has been refurbished recently and features a reception porch, lounge spacious lounge with a bay window, large kitchen, 1 double bedroom with built in wardrobe, bathroom with shower, communal gardens and parking. EPC: D



Causeway Green Road, OLDBURY£450 pcm+Fees
● FRESHLY RE-DECORATED ● This large, split level flat above shops, within walking distance to bus links and close to J2 of the M5, briefly comprising of: gas central heating, spacious living room, fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom with shower, parking to rear, unfurnished. EPC: E



Upper High Street, CRADLEY HEATH£395 pcm+Fees
Modern ground floor flat close to Cradley Heath train station & all bus routes. Featuring an open plan lounge/fitted kitchen with appliances, hallway to 1 double bedroom, bathroom suite with shower, electric central heating, communal garden, open plan lounge/kitchen, 1 bedroom, fitted shower room, all access by a secure communal reception area. EPC: B



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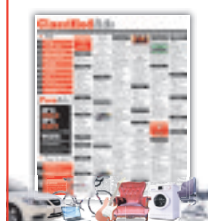
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Dress to impress with this Transit Custom

MS-RT Ford Transit Custom is the white van man's dream

By James Baggott

Meet the white van man's ultimate dream machine. Designed for tradespeople who demand a little more style and flair from their load-lugging daily runabouts, the MS-RT Transit Custom combines usefulness and stand-out-from-the-crowd looks.

With a whole new look, performance exhaust and smart new interior, the hand-crafted £32,995 van offers those working the tools the chance to dress to impress.

Hand-built in south Wales by a team of talented craftsmen, the MS-RT is now officially available through a handful of Ford Transit dealers across the UK.

The coachbuilding firm has had a meteoric rise, going from zero to 60 vans a month in just over two years and that's set to balloon again. All the parts are built in the factory in Pontypool, including the new front and rear bumpers, spoilers, side skirts and interior trim.

It also features a twin exhaust system – with the option of a speaker that imitates the sound of revving V8 engine, controlled by an App on your phone – unique MS-RT exterior badges, special OZ alloy wheels and lowered Eibach suspension.



The seats have been retrimmed with nappa leather and suede

What's under the bonnet? Don't get too excited, because here it's all pretty standard. The 170bhp EcoBlue 2.0-litre TDCi engine found in other Transit Customs is still in situ. It has 405Nm of torque and comes with a six-speed manual or auto gearbox. As it stands, it's a great engine and more than enough to propel the van along at pace, especially with an empty load space.

As the van is sold through the official Ford network, tweaks to the engine aren't allowed before it's sold. However, customers can come back to MS-RT after they've bought their vehicle and have it uprated to 208bhp with an M-Sport kit.

The lowered suspension makes it look cooler but hasn't had any dramatic detrimental effect on the ride either. On the Welsh test route, it coped fine with a mix of road surfaces.

It's swift too and although you have to work the manual gearbox to get the best of it, it's even quite fun to drive.

The good news is the modifications haven't affected the payload either – it's still 1,392kg.

The look is the key selling point of the MS-RT van. Available in both single and double cab variants, it is said to appeal to tradesmen and leisure users alike.

Although the looks won't be to everyone's tastes, with a whiff of aftermarket about it, there's little doubt that company owners or family buyers who want to stand out will find it an attractive proposition.

MS-RT has improved the Transit Custom's standard interior adding Ford's latest SYNC3 entertainment system with sat nav and reversing camera. The seats have been retrimmed with nappa leather and suede and the steering wheel is new and feels like it should be in a sports car. It also features a heated windscreen, heated seats and upgraded HID headlights.

While it won't tick everyone's boxes, there's certainly a market for a supercharged-looking white van for the masses.

MS-RT went to great lengths to show us the level of detail they put into hand-building each vehicle and there's no doubt the finish is excellent.

We actually quite like the looks, it's just a shame it doesn't have an uprated engine to match the sporty styling.

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A golfer is put through his paces at the recently set-up training academy



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The surface of the greens at Bloxwich is the envy of many



Enjoying the traditional facilities at the 19th hole

Club's driving ambition to offer the best in golf

SPORTING FEATURE

By David Fletcher

IN May 1919, greengrocer Howard Pinson purchased 96 acres of green belt land just north of Bloxwich from the then landowner, the Duke of Sutherland.

The purpose of the purchase was to create a golf course and the cost of the land at that time was a mere £55.

In addition to the purchase of the land, an adjacent Georgian Manor House was acquired from another source and the formation of Bloxwich Golf Club as we know it today was in set in motion.

In those early years only nine holes were possible but in 1924 a Board of Directors was formed and the club officially registered. The registration took place in May 1924 but in July of the same year plans were put forward to complete the full 18 holes to create the basis of the course as we know it today.

During the Second World War years the club and many of the members became heavily involved. The threat of German troops landing by means of gliders resulted in ditches being dug by the Army across a number of fairways in an effort to prevent a successful landing.

The evidence of these ditches can still be seen today. A squad of 62 soldiers and officers were billeted at the golf club with the soldiers in tents on the course and the officers in the clubhouse.

They were all made honorary members of the club for the duration of the war.

In January 1945 after the war had concluded entrance fees to the club were reinstated and golf started in earnest once again.

The ownership of the club was in the hands of the original shareholders and their family members, but in 1987 the directors agreed a proposal to reorganise the club in such a way as to ensure its long term future as a members club and to eliminate any possible private 'for profit' development motive.

The ultimate aim was to hand over the control of the club to its members to perpetuate golf at Blox-



The clubhouse at Bloxwich Golf Club

wich. Bloxwich Golf Club was purchased by its members in 1988, the money being raised by an interest free loan of £400 paid by approximately 300 members. The creation of Bloxwich Golf Club (1988) Ltd was complete. Over the years there have been many significant changes to the course layout with the clear objective being for all year round golf at Bloxwich.

Hazards

Natural hazards such as pools and open water courses have been extended to improve drainage and specialised work has been carried out on the greens for the same reason. The putting surfaces have made the greens at Bloxwich the envy of many.

The recently completed winter programme of work has seen many tees being extended and the 15th has become the new feature hole after the lengthening of the hole and the elevating of the championship tee.

Another exciting development at the golf club is the recently formed Bloxwich Golf Club Teaching Academy and Golf Club Fitting Centre based close by at Fishley Park Driving Range, Little Bloxwich. Blox-

wich PGA Professionals, Richard Dance and John Bandurak have set up a teaching hub open to all. In addition to tuition and invaluable advice on appropriate equipment for those new to the game, they are also both available to help golfers of all standards to improve their game.

In terms of membership to the club, Bloxwich welcomes new members and has no waiting list or initial joining fee. Ladies, gentlemen, juniors and seniors are all welcome to enjoy the course and the facilities of the infamous '19th hole'.

Current club president Paul Boynton said: "These are very exciting times for Bloxwich Golf Club. With golf continuing to grow in popularity we want to position our club in offering the very best opportunities for local people to come along and enjoy what is a great game."

"We extend a very warm welcome to visiting golfers and golf societies and to local companies who want to offer golf days to their customers."

All enquiries initially to Stephanie Haywood, general manager, on 01922 476593 ext 1.

Goal-den Barry sets tournament alight

A YOUNG Baggies striker has caught the eye by smashing in 10 goals in just five games for an England youth team. Louie Barry racked up the figures for England under-15s at a recent tournament in Italy.

The 14-year-old, who hails from Sutton Coldfield has been at the club since the age of six. Albion academy manager Mark Harrison said: "To score 10 goals in five games for England is outstanding. The previous best in that tournament was three goals."

As well as Barry, Albion's Rayhaan Tulloch has international honours this season and earned a call-up to the European under-17s championships. Sam Field is in the England u-20s squad, defenders Nathan Ferguson and Kane Wilson have both been called up to England u-18s, while Morgan Rogers has featured for England u-16s.

Chisom Afoka and Rico Richards have been called up to England u-15s, Dara O'Shea has captained Ireland u-19s, and Pablo Martinez and goalkeeper Adam Pryzbek have been called up to Wales u-19s.

Grand Slam trophy to honour Bristow

GOVERNING body the PDC will remember the late former world champion Eric Bristow MBE by naming the Grand Slam of Darts in his memory.

The legendary five-time world champion, one of the game's most recognisable stars, passed away on April 5, aged 60. He also won the World Masters five times and later helped to form the Professional Darts Corporation.

A member of the PDC Hall of Fame, he will now be remembered at the cross-code Grand Slam of Darts at the Aldersley Leisure Village, Wolverhampton, with this year's players competing to win The Eric Bristow Trophy.

PDC chairman Barry Hearn said: "Eric's achievements marked him out as the greatest player of his generation and he'll be remembered forever as the original superstar of darts."

"As such, we felt that it was fitting to introduce The Eric Bristow Trophy, which will be presented to the winner of the Grand Slam of Darts from 2018."

Wolves bring Money Shop deal to an end

WOLVES have paid off controversial shirt sponsor The Money Shop – paving the way for a multi-million pound shirt sponsorship deal as they head into the Premier League.

The club angered fans when signing a three-year deal with the payday loan firm in 2016.

Their name has been emblazoned on Wolves' shirts for the past two seasons and was due to form part of next season's home and away kits.

However, Wolves have ended the contentious deal a year early with what is likely to be a substantial pay-off.

Owners Fosun will now look to attract a big-money sponsor on a lucrative contract as they prepare for Premier League football and the commercial exposure that comes with it.

More than 13,000 people had signed a petition opposing the deal in 2016 complaining that the company's practices 'do not fit with the ethics of the football club'.



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No escape for Baggies this time

ALBION have been relegated from the Premier League – ending an eight-year stint in the top flight.

After Southampton beat Swansea 1-0 on Tuesday, the Baggies are unable to catch 17th place on the final day of the season.

Relegation has been on the cards for weeks but Darren Moore's remarkable unbeaten five-game run as caretaker boss had delayed it on no fewer than four occasions.

The Baggies were sent down on the same day Moore was named Premier League manager of the month for April after the caretaker boss nearly pulled off a miraculous escape with wins over Manchester United, Newcastle and Tottenham.

Last weekend, Albion scored a 92nd minute winner at home to Spurs to keep their slim survival hopes alive before Southampton let in a 96th minute equaliser against Everton that also kept them afloat.

However, the Baggies are now to return to the Championship for the first time since 2010. Their relegation comes after a disastrous season that saw them break a club record for the longest consecutive run without a win, when they went 21 matches without tasting victory between August and January.

Owner

Albion had four head coaches in total during the campaign, two permanent ones in Tony Pulis and Alan Pardew and two caretakers in Gary Megson and Moore. Chinese owner Guochuan Lai has also axed three board members, chairman John Williams, chief executive Martin Goodman and technical director Nick Hammond.

Thoughts will now turn to next season and the club are expected to announce season ticket prices for the Championship campaign in the coming days.

Albion are also expected to appoint a new manager shortly after the season ends. Brentford boss Dean Smith, who worked with Albion coach Neil Cutler at Walsall, is the preferred option but Moore has received the backing of all the current players.

Tennis club hosts a free open day

DUDLEY folk can test their tennis skills at an open day event being held in Brierley Hill this weekend.

Quarry Bank Tennis Club, in Talbotts Lane, near the Merry Hill shopping centre, will be opening its gates to visitors free of charge on Saturday from 12pm to 5pm.

Visitors can take part in touch tennis, cardio and drill sessions and much more. There will also be introductory offers for new members who sign up on the day. An evening social will take place from 7pm and everyone is welcome.

For further details call 07976 503017.



Wolves skipper Danny Bath, right, and Conor Coady

Captain leads celebrations

TENS of thousands of Wolves fans turned out to hail their Championship-winning heroes as Wolverhampton city centre was filled with a sea of gold.

At the centre of the celebrations was the club's inspirational skipper, Brierley Hill's Danny Bath. Up to 80,000 people lined the streets and attend the promotion party in West Park. Wolves stars showed off the Championship trophy from an open-top bus as they basked in glory on a sweltering Bank Holiday Monday.

Flags were waved and horns sounded as fans celebrated their team's historic promotion in style, returning to the Premier League following a season that will live long in the memory.

Coach Nuno Espirito Santo and his stars took part in the celebrations aboard golden buses, numbered '1 Keme' in tribute to team-mate Carl Ikeme, who is battling cancer. Wolves captain Danny Bath said: "Today is a moment we have all worked towards all our lives! Let's celebrate and enjoy every moment."

TROPHY BID IS OFF TO A FLYER

CRADLEY survived early scares to romp home 59-29 in the National Trophy against a gutsy Stoke side at Monmore.

Motor Market Heathens prevailed to run out comfortable winners to start their first Trophy campaign in style.

The Potters took advantage of mechanical gremlins for Heathens skipper Adam Roynon, whose bike packed up while in second on the final lap to gift the visitors an opening 5-1. But Cradley responded instantly as Drew Kemp and Jason Edwards stormed to a comfortable max.

Plenty of drama followed with Stoke's Adam Exance disqualified in the first attempt of heat three after making contact with Bradley Andrews, before Cradley's Kyle Bickley tried to force too much of a move around Stoke veteran Tony Atkin in the rerun.

Jordan Jenkins came down for the hosts on the opening corners in the fourth but was given an extra opportunity by the referee. Another rerun saw Rob Shuttleworth leap to his feet to jump over Stoke team-mate William O'Keefe's bike.

Frustrating

Jenkins and Edwards combined for a second 5-1 of the night. Former Heathen Danny Ayres made it two out of two with another quick start in the fifth before Roynon and Dwyer performed simultaneous moves inside of Shuttleworth and O'Keefe to move in front by three in the next.

That was one of four straight heat advantages to the Heathens before Roynon's frustrating return continued with more bike problems on the start line. He was replaced by Edwards in the restart, who produced a dogged display to chop back to the inside under Exance.

Heathens kicked on with four straight maximums before a 5-0 was awarded in the final race as Ayres shed a chain. Bickley miraculously walked away from a crash as he tried to avoid Shuttleworth who'd locked up in front of him.

The Heathens head to Stoke for the return on Saturday (7pm).

Welborn is British champion



Jason Welborn's concerted pressure took the title from Langford. Picture (c) P Media Live

JASON Welborn upset the odds to win the Battle of the Baggies and make it third time lucky in his quest to collect a Lonsdale belt.

At Walsall Town Hall the 31-year-old from Rowley Regis, who is due to marry tomorrow (Friday), defeated champion Tommy Langford on Friday to be crowned British Middleweight Champion. The boxers – both Albion fans – gave everything in a fight of the year contender.

Welborn rocked the champion in the second with referee Terry O'Connor giving Langford a standing eight count. Welborn continued to pour forward against the favourite Langford as the champion chose to engage and that played into the challenger's hands.

The mid rounds were Langford's but the challenger came back strong to win a split decision.

Skipper's delight at Hales start

OSWESTRY'S trip to Halesowen proved pointless, the visitors crumbling to a nine-wicket defeat after falling to 79 all out which included 18 extras.

Former Kent seamer Charlie Hartley took six for 34 for Halesowen who were steered to 83 for one by an unbeaten 43 from batsman Ed Kilbee and a tidy 24 not out from newcomer Hamza Ahmed.

Captain Alecei Kervezee said: "We put a marker down today even though its early days. This time last year Oswestry were flying along with roughly the same line-up and we have demolished them."

"Fourth in the table is a good spot to be and its our aim to up there after the full round of 50-over matches, so let's hope we can keep it going at local rivals Kidderminster (this weekend)."

The second team pulled off an unlikely victory chasing down 235 against Penkridge. Having slumped to 131-7 in the run chase they were saved by a quick fire 62 not out off 47 balls from new signing Rob Horn and 40 not out from Jack Roberson to complete a deserved three wicket win that puts them in the top four of the early season table.

The third team beat Stourbridge in the Number 9 derby with Richard Cox (66 not out) Hayden Evans (53) and Jonty Preece (38 not out) firing Hales to 227-4. In reply, three wickets for Chris Jones, Siddesh Chvavan and Archie Reeves knocked over Stour in comfortable style to complete a 123-run victory. The fourths bowled out Stour for 112 but replied with 76 to lose by 38 runs.

Spectacular end to cricket cup match

IN the ECB National Knockout on Sunday Halesowen took on rivals Old Hill in a reduced to 35 over affair at Haden Hill. Batting first Hales struggled on a tricky surface and lush outfield as they huffed and puffed to 160 all out.

In reply Old Hill took the game to the last ball thanks to a 57 ball knock of 72 from Jonty Wright, who was dismissed in spectacular fashion by Charlie Hartley clean bowled needing just four runs to tie the game and win on less wickets lost. Prior to that a miserly spell of 4-20 off 7 overs saw Masharraf Shazad tie the Old Hill batsmen down. Hales go to Wolverhampton on Sunday for round two.

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On The Road Price	£21,664.01
47 Monthly Payments of	£299.00
Customer Deposit	£299.00
Finance Deposit Allowance	£1,200.00
Amount of Credit	£20,165.01
Interest Charges	£3,458.99
Cost of Credit	£3,458.99
Optional Final Payment	£9,571.00

Fixed Rate of Interest	5.75% p.a.
Duration of Agreement	48 months
Total Amount Payable	£25,123.00
Excess Mileage Charge	£0.09
Based on an Annual Mileage	of 5,000 p.a.
Personal Contract Plan	

5.9% APR REPRESENTATIVE

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VAUXHALL

Official Government Test Environmental Data. Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km) and CO2 emissions (g/km). Vauxhall range: Urban: 12.7 (22.3) - 74.3 (3.8), Extra-urban: 23.9 (11.8) - 91.1 (3.1), Combined: 18.0 (15.7) - 85.6 (3.3). CO2 emissions: 373 - 89g/km. #Fuel consumption information is official government environmental data, tested in accordance with the relevant EU directive. Official EU-regulated test data is provided for comparison purposes and actual performance will depend on driving style, road conditions and other non-technical factors. Worcester Car Sales Limited trading as Halesowen Motor House are acting as a credit broker and not a lender. We can introduce you to a limited number of lenders. Commission may be received. Personal Contract Purchase. Finance subject to status. T&Cs apply. Applicants must be 18+. Finance by Vauxhall Finance, CF15 7YT. At the end of the agreement there are three options: i) Retain: Pay the optional final payment to own the vehicle, ii) Return the vehicle, or iii) Replace: Part Exchange the vehicle, where equity is available. Offers available on orders or registrations from 3 April 2018 - 2 July 2018. £500 Free Fuel is not given in cash. Offer available on eligible, selected new vehicle orders from 11 May 2018 - 14 May 2018 and are subsequently registered by 30 June 2018. Offer applies to private individuals, Vauxhall Partners and small businesses 1-24 units. All other customers are excluded. Terms, conditions and exclusions apply (www.vauxhall.co.uk/mayevent)

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MASSIVE VAUXHALL USED CAR SELECTION – ALL PRICED TO SELL!

12/62	Corsa Exclusiv A/C, Auto, 3dr, Orange, 27,412 miles	£5,295	16/16	Corsa HAT 1.4 Energy 3dr, A/C, Auto, Flame Red, 12000 miles	£9,799
10/60	Corsa Se Auto Green, 32,866 miles	£5,495	16/16	Adam HAT 1.2 70ps Energised Olympic 6,124 miles	£9,799
14/14	Corsa SE, White, 29,787 miles	£6,495	15/15	Astra Elite, Silver, 27,518 miles	£9,999
14/14	Corsa Limited Edition White, 32,915 miles	£6,799	15/64	Astra Tech Line Gt 5dr, Silver Lightning, 23,866 miles	£9,999
15/15	Corsa Excite Ac Ecoflex 3dr, Black, 15,415 miles	£6,799	14/64	Mokka Se S/S 5dr, Silver, 16,500 miles	£10,495
14/14	Astra Sri 1.6 5dr, Silver, 51,989 miles	£6,999	15/65	Zafira Tourer Sri Cdti Ec leather, White, 36,618 miles	£10,795
15/15	Vauxhall Corsa Limited Edition 3dr, Red, 20,000 miles	£7,495	14/64	Vauxhall Mokka Se S/S 4x4 Turbo Blue, 30,000 miles	£10,795
12/61	Corsa VXR Blue, 10 miles	£7,495	15/65	Mokka HAT 1.6 Cdti 5dr, 136ps Ld/ed, White, 21,950 miles	£10,999
15/65	Meriva Exclusiv Ac Grey, 39,821 miles	£7,777	15/15	Mokka Limited Edition Tur White, 25,904 miles	£10,999
15/15	Corsa Limited Edition Grey, 14,209 miles	£7,777	15/64	Insignia Sri Nav Vx Cdtie 5dr, White, 43,139 miles	£11,295
16/16	Corsa HAT 1.4 75ps Energy 3dr, A/C, Sovereign, 9,000 miles	£7,777	15/65	Mokka Exclusiv Turbo S/S Blue, 34,431 miles	£11,295
15/15	Corsa Design Blue, 15,157 miles	£7,999	16/16	Mokka Exclusiv Turbo S/S 5dr, Black, 38,000 miles	£11,495
15/64	Astra Elite, White, 17,124 miles	£7,999	15/65	Insignia Elite Nav, Cdti A, 5dr, Silver, 20,559 miles	£11,999
14/64	Astra Elite, Silver, 13,403 miles	£8,888	15/15	Mokka Tech Line Turbo Aut 5dr, Grey, 4,779 miles	£13,495
18/67	Pre Reg Corsa HAT 1.4 75ps Sting Eco 3dr, Lava Red, 10 miles	£8,999	18/18	Pre Reg Corsa 3Dr HAT 1.4 75ps Limited E Lava Red, 10 miles	£13,495
15/64	Astra Elite, Red, 4,236 miles	£8,999	16/16	Insignia Sri Vx Cdti Efle 5dr, Black, 10,651 miles	£13,795
14/14	Mokka Tech Line Cdti S/S 5dr, Black, 39,500 miles	£9,495	17/67	Mokka X Active Turbo S/S Blue, 10,102 miles	£13,999
14/64	Insignia Sri Cdti Ecoflex 5dr, White, 32,773 miles	£9,799	17/67	Mokka X Active Turbo S/S Grey, 12,047 miles	£13,999

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ALL USED CAR SELECTION OTHER MAKES - ALL PRICED TO SELL!

14/63	Chevrolet Spark Ls Silver 40000 miles	£3,495	15/15	Suzuki Swift Sz4 Auto 5dr Blue 12956 miles	£9,695
12/12	Spark Plus 5dr Pearl 9000 miles	£3,799	15/15	Volkswagen Beetle Tdi Bluemotion Tec White 23360 miles	£9,795
10/60	Citroen C3 Picasso Airdream+ Hdi 5d Black 83271 miles	£4,459	15/65	Renault Captur Dynamique Nav Dci 5d Black Anthracite 10481 miles	£9,798
13/13	Chevrolet Aveo Ltz 5dr White 30100 miles	£4,999	13/13	Nissan Qashqai Dci 360 Is Grey 52504 miles	£10,000
06/55	Mazda Mx-5 Sport Convertible Black 51561 miles	£4,999	14/64	Kia Sportage 1 Crdi Isg Estate White 35549 miles	£10,495
13/13	Hyundai I10 Active 5dr Silver 17872 miles	£5,295	15/15	Nissan Juke Acenta Premium Dig-T 5d Grey 22125 miles	£10,495
12/12	Fiat 500 Twinair Plus Blue 21500 miles	£5,795	16/16	Swift 3Dr HAT 1.6 Sport SAT NAV + D Cosmic B 14006 miles	£10,495
14/64	Nissan Micra Acenta 5dr Red 29652 miles	£5,999	17/17	Swift SZ 5Dr HAT 1.0 Sz-t Boosterjet Pearl White 10 miles	£10,695
10/60	Nissan Qashqai Acenta Dci 5dr Black 75000 miles	£6,195	16/16	Nissan Juke N-Connecta Dig-T Grey 12162 miles	£10,999
12/62	Volkswagen Polo S 70 5DR White 32715 miles	£6,495	13/13	Volkswagen Scirocco Gt Bluemothn Tec Grey 68000 miles	£10,999
14/14	Citroen Ds3 Dsign + 3dr White 26184 miles	£6,495	17/67	Baleno 5Dr Hatch 1.0 Boosterjet SZ5 Ray Blue 2624 miles	£10,999
14/14	Skoda Citigo Elegance Greentech 5dr Silver 20412 miles	£6,495	17/67	Swift SZ 5Dr HAT 1.0 Sz-t Boosterje Super bl 10 miles	£10,999
14/64	Seat Ibiza Toca 3dr White 28000 miles	£6,495	18/67	Ignis 5Dr HAT 1.2 Sz-t Dualjet Pure White 10 miles	£10,999
15/15	Swift SZ 3Dr HAT 1.2 SZ2 Boost Blue 13500 miles	£6,495	15/15	Jeep Renegade Sport M-Jet Grey 18401 miles	£11,495
14/64	Nissan Note Acenta 5dr White 15000 miles	£6,999	12/62	Toyota Gt86 D-4s Red 57423 miles	£12,195
18/67	Celerio 5Dr HAT 1.0 SZ2 Mineral 10 miles	£6,999	14/64	Volvo V40 R-Design D2 5dr White 14050 miles	£12,295
11/61	Mini Cooper Coupe Grey 40236 miles	£7,295	17/17	Suzuki Ignis Sz5 Dualjet Auto 5dr Red 3698 miles	£12,495
13/62	Ford Fiesta Titanium Black 31688 miles	£7,395	15/15	Suzuki Jimmy Sz4 White 8585 miles	£12,999
14/65	Fiat 500 S Red 20300 miles	£7,395	17/17	Ford Fiesta St-Line Black Edit Black 3000 miles	£12,999
14/14	Fiat 500L Trekking Multijet Beige 42826 miles	£7,495	12/62	Audi Q3 Se Tdi Black 48084 miles	£13,295
15/15	Swift SZ3 5dr Silver 9283 miles	£7,495	18/18	Pre Reg SX4 S-cross 1.0 SZ4 Boosterjet Superior 10 miles	£13,999
15/65	Toyota Aygo X-Pression Vvt-I 5dr Blue 21000 miles	£7,495	18/67	S-cross 1.0 Boosterjet 1.0 SZ4 Superior 10 miles	£13,999
17/67	PRE REG Celerio 5Dr HAT 1.0 SZ4 White 10 miles	£7,777	15/15	Nissan Qashqai N-Tec + Dci 5dr Red 22468 miles	£14,495
16/16	Suzuki Swift Sz-L Orange 15258 miles	£7,777	18/18	Baleno 5Dr Hatch 1.0 Boosterjet SZ5 Midnight 10 miles	£14,999
14/14	S-cross 5Dr 1.6 SZ4 Superior 39614 miles	£7,777	18/18	Swift SZ 5Dr HAT 1.0 SZ5 Boosterjet Super Bl 10 miles	£14,999
15/15	Swift 5Dr HAT 1.2 SZ3 Boost Blue 12000 miles	£7,999	17/67	Vitara 1.4 Boosterjet S Allgrip Galactic 4000 miles	£15,999
15/15	Suzuki Swift Sz4 Auto 5dr Silver 27268 miles	£8,295	18/67	Vitara 1.6 Ddis Sz-t Superior 745 miles	£17,999
15/15	Suzuki Celerio Sz4 Auto Grey 13878 miles	£8,495	17/67	Kia Optima 2 Isg Crdi Black 2081 miles	£18,495
14/14	Mini Cooper D White 38471 miles	£8,888	12/62	Land Range Rover Evoque Pure T Grey 51362 miles	£20,495
14/64	Swift 3Dr HAT 1.6 VVT SPT Blue 15969 miles	£8,999	16/16	Bmw 225i Xdrive M Sport Auto 5dr White 7640 miles	£22,495
15/65	Ford Fiesta Zetec 5dr Blue 10094 miles	£8,999	18/18	Vitara 1.6 Ddis SZ5 Allgrip Horizon Orange 10 miles	£22,495
17/67	PRE REG Baleno 5Dr Hatch 1.2 Dualjet SZT Premium 10 miles	£9,395			
17/66	Baleno 5Dr Hatch 1.0 Boosterjet SZT Red 3175 miles	£9,395			

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SUZUKI S-CROSS

1.0 BOOSTERJET SZ4



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47 Monthly Payments of	£249.00
Customer Deposit	£249.00
Amount of Credit	£14,689.30
Interest Charges	£2,360.70
Cost of Credit	£2,360.70
Optional Final Payment	£5,098.00
Duration of Agreement	49 months
Total Amount Payable	£17,299.00

If Maximum of 24,500 Miles Exceeded

Excess Mileage Charge 4999 miles or less	£0.07
Excess Mileage Charge 5000 miles or more	£0.14

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